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ANGLO-EGYPTIAN TALKS

New Premier's Statement

QUIET IN CANAL ZONE

Cairo, Feb. 3.

The Prime Minister, Aly Maher Pasha, said today that negotiations with Britain to settle the Anglo-Egyptian dispute were a "long time off."

Maher Pasha disclosed the Egyptian government's view on resumption of negotiations for peaceful settlement of differences when asked to comment on a newspaper report that they would start "within a matter of days."

Meanwhile, all observers agreed that the Egyptian Army had saved Cairo from anarchy by the prompt restoration of order on January 28. It was after a wave of arson and violence that King Farouk dismissed the Wafdist premier, Mustafa el Nahas Pasha, and asked Maher Pasha to form a national front government.

A delegation of the Sudanese Ashigga Party also called on Maher Pasha to express support. Afterwards, Ismail el Azhari Bey, leader of the Party, which demands unity of the Sudan with Egypt under the Egyptian Crown, said the delegation requested the government to implement the resolution of October 16 concerning self-rule for the Sudan within the framework of such unity.

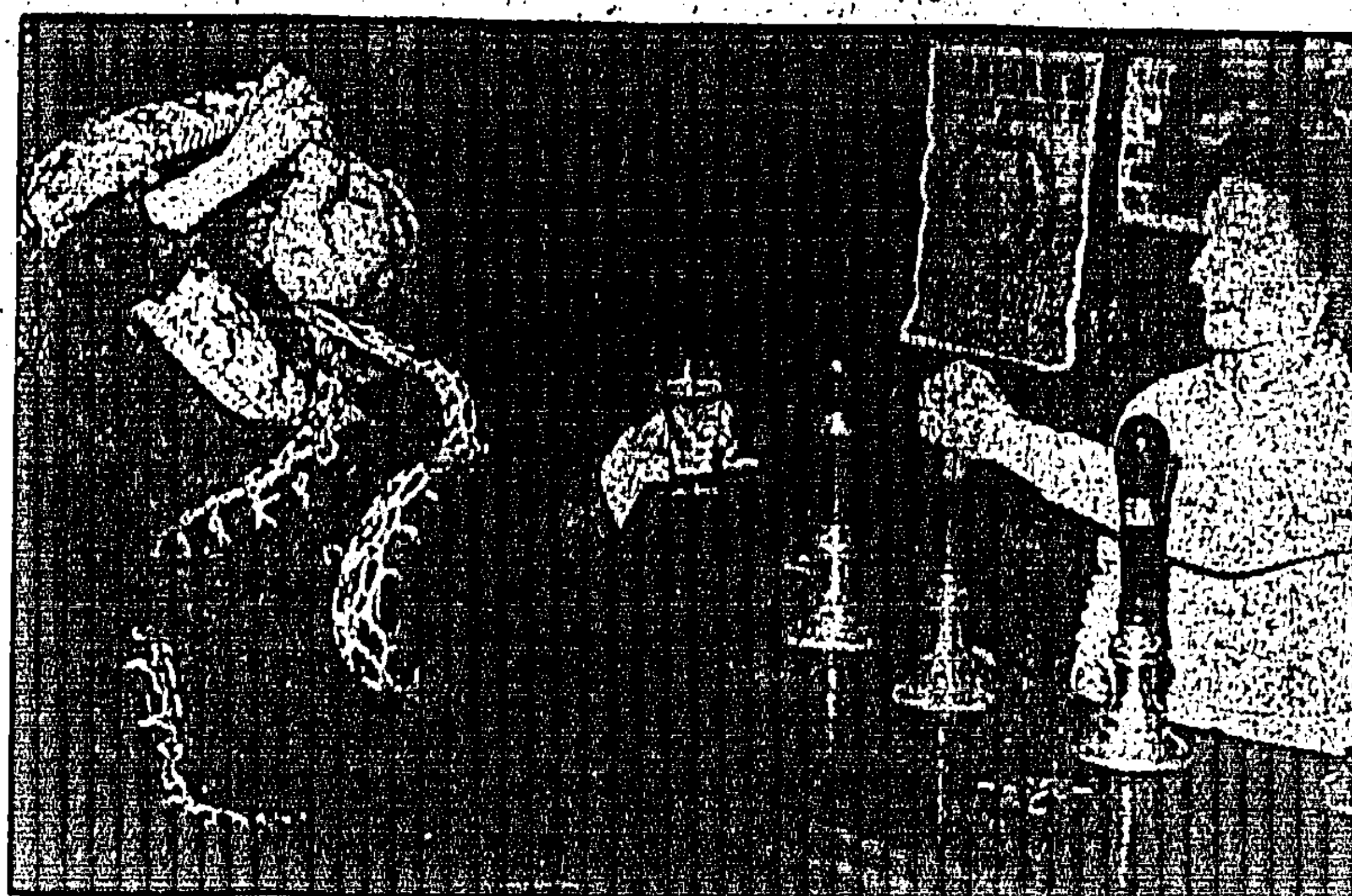
Maher Pasha agreed to the proposals submitted by airline representatives to facilitate the operation of flights through Cairo. The airlines requested the protection of passengers and safeguarding of installations, and facilities for free circulation of passengers and personnel in the capital during the nightly curfew.

Mustafa Mosti Bey, chief of Civil Aviation, who accompanied the representatives, said airlines already had resumed operations, except for British Overseas Airways Corporation, which is expected to do so within two or three days.

The Minister for Social Affairs, Mahmoud Hassan Pasha, announced that the government had decided in principle to extend urgent aid to needy employees who lost their jobs during the disorders. Mahmoud Pasha, former Ambassador to the United States, said his Ministry was compiling a detailed tabulation of damage and loss.

Hussaini Hodeibi Bey, head of the Moslem Brotherhood, called on the new premier to express the views of his group. He told newsmen afterwards that Maher Pasha had not invited the Brotherhood to join the national front.

Hodeibi Bey said he told Maher Pasha the Brotherhood was pleased to know that the new government planned to carry on the struggle to attain Egypt's national aspirations. He



Young Woman Abducted By Gunman

Frankfurt, Feb. 3.

A chunky gunman in US Army uniform kidnapped the red-haired 18-year-old stepdaughter of a US Army sergeant near Hanau tonight while she was riding in a car with two American soldiers.

Military Police have begun the biggest manhunt in postwar German history for "Mamie Ruth" Shelton, post free-lance American girl who is employed at the Frankfurt Ordnance Depot, and her abductor, who said he had just fled from prison.

Her foster father is Master Sergeant F. B. Burns, Hot Springs, Virginia, who came to Germany with his family for duty 13 months ago. The girl was taken hostage by the gunman when her two escorts stopped their sedan to pick up a hitchhiker. The man pulled out a .45 calibre pistol, forced the two soldiers out of the car, then sped off with the terrified Miss Shelton. Associated Press.

When Mrs. Millie Kayes, a circus performer of Feltham, England, goes into a bar for a drink it is rather disconcerting for the other drinkers, for she sometimes takes with her two pet pythons, one 12 ft. and the other 14 ft. long, each of which could easily crush her to death. She also unconsciously while they twine themselves round her body, try to drink her beer, and put their heads in her mouth. London Express.

ANTI-RED OFFENSIVE IN BURMA

Communist Chief Flees To Hills

Rangoon, Feb. 3.

Burmese Government forces launched large-scale offensive operations against Communist insurgents and first reports from official quarters today said at least 130 Reds had been slain.

Communist chieftain Thakun Thakun was reported to have taken refuge with his Politburo in the hills West of Pymawma.

In one action, in the Kynakka District south of Mandalay, 70 Communists were killed and in a Red-held village in the same area the government troops seized more than 100 rifles, two anti-tank guns and a Bren gun carrier.

In a three-hour fight in the adjoining Myintyan district, at least 20 Communists were killed when government troops cleared three Red positions.

Forty Red guards were reported killed in a four-point attack on a Communist hideout in the Pymawma region 230 miles north of Rangoon, on the rail line to Mandalay. The government forces reported they levelled a Communist "military academy."

An estimated 700 Communists, half of them women, were routed in this area. In other regions, several Communist-held villages were razed, with supply dumps and arms and munitions stockpiles destroyed. Power plants serving the Communists, food and gasoline dumps also were reported smashed.

The Burmese government has been battling Communist insurgents, and many other kinds, ever since it achieved independence from Britain five years ago. Associated Press.

Tunisian Shops Still Closed

Tunis, Feb. 3.

Arab shops here remained closed today for the third successive day in protest against French security measures but the Police said that some were operating a lucrative back-door trade.

Food prices have soared in the last fortnight. Eggs are now 90 francs each (against 40 two weeks ago), carrots are 25 francs a bunch (compared with five) and green vegetable prices have doubled.

Tunisians generally continued to be calm today, and fewer Police were on duty at cross-roads and the city's gates.

A Police spokesman said, "Tunisia is practically back to normal."—Reuters.

Great Snakes Alive!

Political Storm Faces Churchill

Bi-Partisan Unity Threatened

London, Feb. 3.

A political storm may blow up against the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, which threatens to end Britain's 12 years of party unity on the broad issues of foreign policy.

The Labour Party will decide on Wednesday whether to seek to censure his Government for its handling of foreign affairs.

Labour Members will move a censure motion if Mr. Churchill fails to satisfy them by his account—expected on Tuesday—of his talks in Washington.

They were not satisfied with his assurance last week that he had completed Britain's no specific action if the Chinese Communists broke a truce in Korea.

A censure motion backed by the whole Labour Opposition would be claimed as a triumph for the burly Welsh "robber" leader, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, who has urged in the past that no settlement of Far East problems can be made without Communist China.

Party leaders such as Mr. Clement Attlee and Mr. Herbert Morrison, Britain's former Labour Premier and Foreign Secretary respectively, who have always wished to avoid a major war with China while resisting Chinese attacks in Korea, argued that it is Mr. Churchill and not they who have switched policy. It has been switched, they say.

SOCIALISTS WORRIED

London, Feb. 3.

The former Labour Chancellor of Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Gaitskell, stated tonight that his party was worried at an American report that the attitude of the new British Conservative Government towards China and the Far East was much nearer to that of the American Government than the attitude of the Labour Government had been.

Mr. Gaitskell, who was speaking at Bradford, declared he hoped there would be an explanation of this report during the next foreign affairs debate in the House of Commons.

He added that the policy of the British Labour Government towards China and the Far East had been to stay by the side of Britain's United Nations allies and to adopt a firm attitude towards Korea while being determined to prevent any extension of hostilities.

Mr. Gaitskell said he thought this policy met the wishes of the majority of British men and women and added that the Labour Party was going to see to it that there should be no deviation from this line of policy.

Mr. Gaitskell said though Mr. Winston Churchill could not be called a warmonger, certain reports on Mr. Churchill's visit to the United States and on his speech to the Congress had created a great anxiety not only in Britain but also in Europe. France-Press.

New Deputy High Commissioner For Malaya

JAMAICA'S CS APPOINTED

Singapore, Feb. 3.

Britain took a bold gamble today in a "new broom" policy for beating Red terrorism in Malaya. She appointed a new British administrator with no previous Malayan experience in hopes he will bring a "fresh mind to bear on the many complexities" in this strategic tin and rubber producing country.

London announced the appointment of Donald Charles MacGillivray, now Colonial Secretary to Jamaica, as the new Deputy High Commissioner for the Malayan Federation. His job will be to direct civil affairs under the newly appointed High Commissioner, General Sir Gerald Templer, strong-arm military man who was named last month to lead the war against the Red guerillas.

Malayan and Chinese political leaders, who are seeking eventual independence for the British-controlled Federation, doubtless will view the appointment of MacGillivray with suspicion and disappointment. They had been expecting someone familiar with Malaya's complex political problems as Deputy High Commissioner.

Government supporters last week voted down a proposal in the Federal Legislative Council at Kuala Lumpur that an Asian be named Deputy High Commissioner. Feeling ran high in the debate on the issue and even many of those who voted to give London a free hand in choosing its administrator voiced the hope he would be an expert in Malayan affairs.

The Colonial Office in London said, "The object of his additional post is to provide the maximum support and assistance to the High Commissioner so that his hands can be as free as possible for dealing with major matters of policy and major direction of measures to defeat the Communist bandits."

It added that Mr. MacGillivray's appointment "will be for the period of the emergency only." MacGillivray, 45, has been in the Jamaica post since 1947.

The statement explained that the Colonial Secretary Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, had personally considered the "wish expressed by responsible leaders of opinion in Malaya that an officer with local experience should be appointed" but "he considers the new Deputy High Commissioner must be a man who will bring a fresh mind to bear on the many complexities of the present administrative machine."

THE SHAKE-UP Britain began its shake-up last month. Gen. Templer was appointed to succeed High Commissioner Sir Henry Gurney, who was assassinated by Red terrorists last October. The government then shifted its command of Malaya's big police force, naming Colonel Arthur Young to succeed Colonel W. H. Gray as Commissioner. Speculation here is that there will be other drastic changes in the Malayan civil service.

The new policy was outlined after Mr. Churchill's new Colonial Secretary Oliver Lyttelton returned from an on-the-spot inspection of the situation in December. During that visit, Lyttelton said the suppression of terrorism must have priority over political reform. He said Britain was firm in her determination eventually to give Malaya independence, but could do little until the daily Communist harassment was wiped out.

The battle against ghost-like Red forces in the jungles, around the tin mines and at the rubber plantations has dragged on since World War II. Hit-and-run tactics still are being carried out by an estimated force of 3,000 to 5,000 armed Communists—often backed by the independence-seeking population.—Associated Press.

US SYMPATHETIC Washington, Feb. 3. Kenneth London, Southeast Asian expert of the State (Contd. on back page, Col. 1)



Death Of Harold L. Ickes

Washington, Feb. 3.

Harold L. Ickes, one of the most colorful figures of the Roosevelt-New Deal, died tonight.

Ickes, 77 years old, died at 11:25 p.m. GMT February 3, (7:25 a.m. HK Standard Time Monday) in emergency hospital, where he had been under treatment for complications of a former arthritic condition.

Ickes was Secretary of the Interior in 1932-46 and head man of the Public Works Administration of the turbulent depression years.

A sharp-tongued phrasemaker, Ickes called himself "the old curmudgeon" and in his time was just as rough on others.

His last years were spent in comparative quiet, but there were few men of his day who could look back on such a vigorous and often stormy career. His running fight with the late Harry Hopkins, President Franklin Roosevelt's close friend and head of the Works Progress Administration, made "New Deal" history.—Associated Press.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

A New Atmosphere

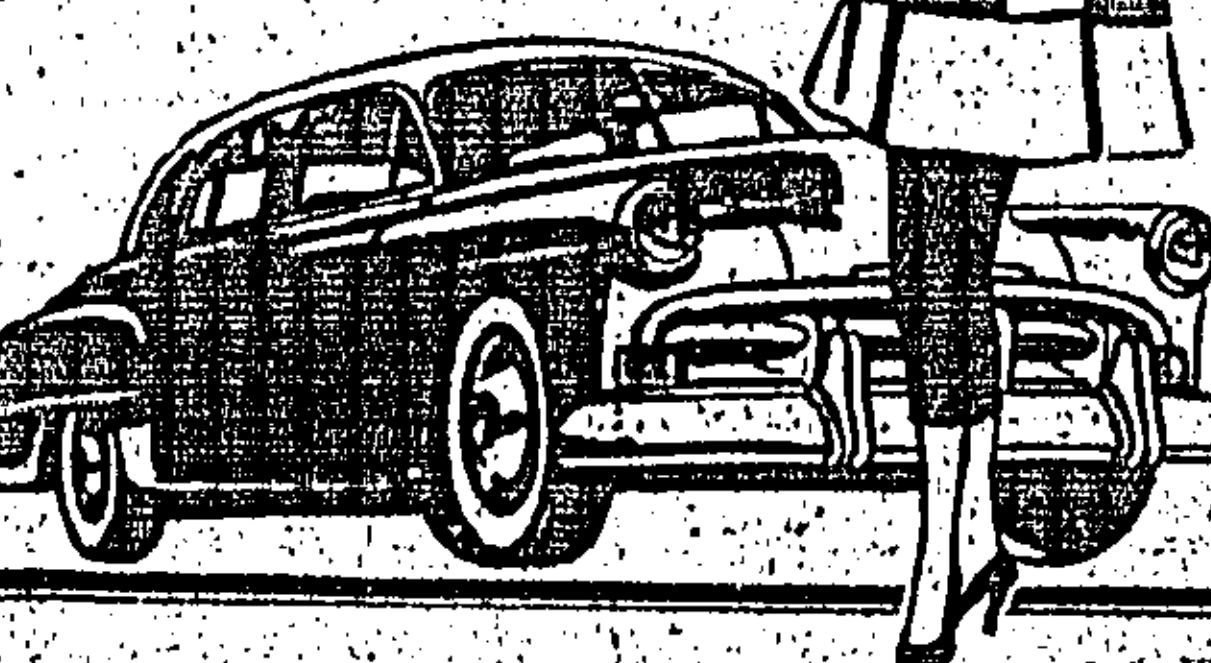
THE determination with which suspected Cairo rioters have been unrolled up, the cessation of terrorism in the Canal Zone and the studiously moderate attitude of Aly Maher Pasha to the Anglo-Egyptian dispute all tend to confirm first hopes that the new Egyptian Government appointed by King Farouk would make genuine efforts to restore peace and order and permit the Egyptian crisis to be resolved through negotiations. Aly Maher Pasha has made an encouraging response to Mr. Eden's conciliatory offer to reopen talks designed to lead to results satisfactory to Egypt as well as Britain and her Western friends; the danger of Egypt breaking off diplomatic relations with Britain appears to have passed; the Egyptian Ambassador to London is likely to return to his duties; and, as important as any of these developments, Egypt has apparently given a strong hint, through diplomatic channels, that she is prepared to discuss the three-Power proposals for a Middle East defence alliance. Quite clearly a new atmosphere has been created; mob passions, at least for the moment, have been quelled. And while nothing has been said or done by the new Egyptian political rulers to suggest that national aspirations, either in relation to the Canal Zone or the Sudan, have been abandoned, signs are visible that the Egyptians are now giving consideration to a policy of caution and conciliation in place of extremism and intimidation. All of this is encouraging, but, as the Times has pointed out, many want to know what is the ultimate aim of British policy vis-a-vis Egypt and the Canal Zone. The British Government is rightly determined to stay in the Canal Zone until some new arrangements can be made for its defence. Nevertheless, it can be no part of British policy to antagonise reasonably-

minded Egyptians or to unite the Egyptian nation still more firmly in hatred of British "imperialism." The quick reaction of the British Government to the deposing of the Wafdist clique and the manner in which the British Ambassador has given expression to these reactions by prompt conversations with King Farouk and his new principal advisers is a welcome manifestation that Mr. Churchill recognises a new and important opportunity has arisen for restoration of better Anglo-Egyptian understanding. It has to be appreciated, as we have previously pointed out, that the final aim of British policy is not to control Egypt, which belongs to the Egyptians, or even the Suez Canal, which, as an international waterway, should become an international responsibility. And it is here that the importance of a Middle East defence scheme asserts itself. One necessity, it has been emphasised by a commentator, is certainly a firm base in the Canal Zone, while another is the co-operation of Egypt and other Arab nations. The three-Power proposals guarantee the first and seek the second. So far Egypt is the only major Middle East country that has stood out against the scheme. Yet it undoubtedly offers Egypt the best opportunity for eventually realising her aspirations. In the first place she would assume a substantial role in the defence alliance, and under the tutelage of her Western partners, could in due course qualify as the principal protector of the Canal Zone. It is essential for the full achievement of the Middle East defence scheme that Egypt should be a participant, but it is also necessary she be assured that a favourable decision will entitle her to gradual realisation of legitimate national aims.

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Not The Same Martin

Rome, Feb. 3.
A mild German monk today laughed off reports that he was Martin Bormann, former No. 2 Nazi, and added cheerfully that he wished people would forget the whole business. Martin Bormann, 40, a member of the Padua monastery here, said today: "I have been a monk here since 1938."
The Berlin newspaper Der Telegraph reported that Bormann was alive and staying at the monastery under the name of Father Martin.—United Press.

EXTRA PAY FOR THE FRONT LINE PROPOSED

Washington, Feb. 3.
Senators are considering some form of extra combat pay for the men and officers who do the front line fighting in Korea, Senator Richard B. Russell (Democrat-Georgia) said today. Senator Russell, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, told a reporter that combat pay boosts will be considered as a new section to the Armed Services Pay Increase Bill approved by the House. There was considerable support for it, he added.

Senator Russell's Committee held hearings last week on the House bill. Top officers of the armed forces all backed the bill, which would grant a 10 per cent boost in pay and allowances to all persons in uniform, from privates and seamen to Generals and Admirals. It would apply to those drawing retired pay also.

Some Committeemen are known to favour an increase of five per cent in base pay with larger increases—from 15 to 20 per cent—in allowances for men and officers with dependents. Senator Russell conceded it will be difficult to authorize special combat pay for men and officers in actual combat without rewarding some who may not deserve the bonus.

He added, however: "I do know there is strong sentiment on the part of the American people for special pay to those in the heat of battle. That sentiment is reflected in the Congress."

The Army has proposed combat pay bonuses of \$30 a month for enlisted men and non-commissioned officers and \$100 a month for officers engaged in actual combat in Korea.—Associated Press.

Switzerland Reaffirms Neutrality

Paris, Feb. 3.
The Chief of the Political Department of the Swiss Confederation, M. Max Petitpierre, stated today over the Swiss Radio that neutrality was the basis of Swiss foreign policy. M. Petitpierre said the Swiss foreign policy was "to observe a policy of strict neutrality in the military and political spheres, but to co-operate in every other sphere for the maintenance of peace." M. Petitpierre added: "We are allied with no one. Our only enemy will be he who tries to penetrate our territory, whatever the pretext of the attack may be. The best guarantee we can have against this risk is to have a strong army."—France-Press.

Big Newsprint Project

Vancouver, Feb. 3.
A big newsprint project is announced in Vancouver. The Celgar Development Company plan to embark soon on a £22 million wood-pulp and newsprint development plan in the Arrow Lakes region of south-eastern British Columbia. Ultimately the project will give jobs to more than 2,000.—London Express Service.

Empire Experts Busy On Scheme To Make Sterling Convertible

London, Feb. 3.
Senior Commonwealth Finance officials and economic experts are now meeting privately in London to work out plans for the steps to be taken to make Sterling convertible.

These 45 officials and experts are also examining investment, development and long-term borrowing projects for the Commonwealth countries of the Sterling Area, of which Britain is the banker.

They are meeting in two Committees set up by the one-week secret conference in London in January of the Commonwealth Finance Ministers.

Both Committees are meeting continuously and simultaneously and will report back to their Finance Ministers during the next few weeks.

The Committee on investment, development and long-term borrowing projects is scrutinising the opportunities for an early increase in the productive power of the Commonwealth countries of the Sterling Area.

It also has to do these things: 1.—Study prospects of finding finance, external and internal, and technical assistance for productive projects;

2.—Examine the capital equipment requirements of the Sterling Area Commonwealth countries; and

3.—Explore ways and means of increasing their production of food, raw materials and other essential goods.

BY END OF 1952

The Finance Ministers and senior representatives of nine Commonwealth nations have pledged themselves to try to put the Sterling Area into credit by the end of this year.

The Sterling Area is the largest multilateral trading area in the world with an estimated annual export and import turnover valued at £12,750 million.

It is now not only in a balance of payments deficit with the dollar and hard currency areas but also with the rest of the world's monetary areas, including the European Payments Union.

Britain and the Sterling Area's member countries are now facing the third and worst post-war economic and financial crisis.

The Commonwealth Finance Ministers, when they met in London on January 15 for their talks, had to face the alarming fact that there is a heavy drain on the Sterling Area's central gold and dollar reserves pool.

QUITE CLEAR

The gold and dollar reserves on December 31, 1951, had been reduced to £824 million as compared with £1,173 million at the end of 1950.

The critical Ministerial discussions were presided over by Mr. Richard Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and attended by the Finance Ministers and representatives of the United Kingdom, Northern Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Southern Rhodesia, India, Pakistan, Ceylon, the British Colonies and Empire territories.

The conference made it quite clear that the only way to prevent the recurrent drain on the central gold and dollar reserves was for every country in the Sterling Area strenuously to endeavour to live within the means which are or can be available to it. The Sterling Area as a whole must succeed in this endeavour.

The Finance Ministers decided to put before their Governments certain definite proposals, which are still secret, calculated in the aggregate to ensure that the Sterling Area as a whole would be in balance with the rest of the world by the end of this year.

The methods by which member countries of the Sterling Area will contribute to these ends are within the discretion of each country concerned and will vary according to their individual circumstances.

FIRST STEP

The first and most important step is to ensure that the internal economy is sound and that all possible measures are taken

to combat inflation. This is essential for an improvement in the balance of payments. It will also help to keep down the cost of living.

Another important requirement is to increase exports and earning power. In some cases, long-term borrowing from outside the Sterling Area may be practicable.

Finally, so far as other methods do not fully achieve the desired result it will be necessary as a temporary measure to reduce imports.

Steps are to be taken within the next few months and from time to time to review the progress made.

Only the coming months will show the effects and implications of the Finance Ministers' immediate, short-term and long-term measures. But Mr Butler has declared that the conference has given a new lease of life to the Sterling Area, on the stability of which the future prosperity of the whole free world to a large extent depends.—Reuter.

Russian Move On Greece

London, Feb. 3.
M. Jacob Malik, deputy head of Russia's delegation to the United Nations, has sent a letter to the President of the General Assembly asking him to intervene on behalf of Greek political prisoners, according to a Tass agency report from Paris.

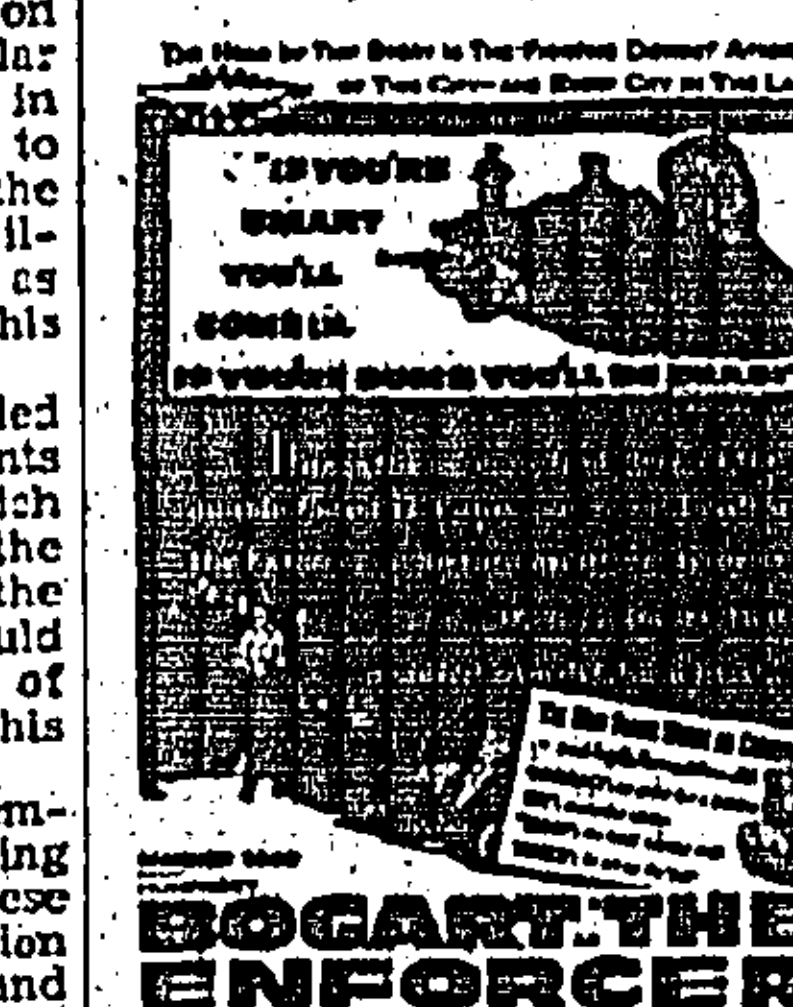
The report, quoted in a Moscow Radio broadcast, said that he also forwarded to M. Andrei Vyshinsky, the Soviet Foreign Minister, a letter from relatives of these prisoners.

The relatives, Moscow Radio said, urged the General Assembly "to help the thousands of Greek fighters for democracy and peace who are languishing in jails and concentration camps because of their political convictions" and to further a general amnesty in Greece.—Reuter.

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Princess And Duke Staying At Gift Lodge

Nyeri, Kenya, Feb. 3.
Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh spent the first Sunday of their tour quietly today after arriving in the morning at Sagana Lodge, a mountain-sheltered forest gift from the people of Kenya to the Royal couple when they were married.

The Royal couple planted a tree in its beautiful garden, lunched informally and later attended Evensong in a tiny village church 30 miles away.

After the drive here from Nairobi, red dust from the roads flecked the Duke's fair hair and clung to his sports jacket and gray flannels, while the Princess, hatless, brushed the front of her white linen, three-quarter length coat after she stepped from the car. But she smiled as she passed her hand across her forehead.

The Princess and the Duke attended Evensong in the Church of St. Philip at Naru Moru.

The tiny church, built from the black and brown local volcanic stones, with a cedar wood roof, overflowed with a congregation of 120. The Chaplain, the Rev. Charles Knight, conducted the service and preached the sermon.

At the end the Princess stood outside the church and spoke to the Kikuyu man who had laid every stone of the building.

The Princess and the Duke then went to their car, smiling at the congregation lined up outside the church.

As the couple drove home in the clear evening light which followed a cloudy afternoon, the mist lifted off Mt. Kenya and the snow-line and glaciers were sharply outlined.—Reuter.

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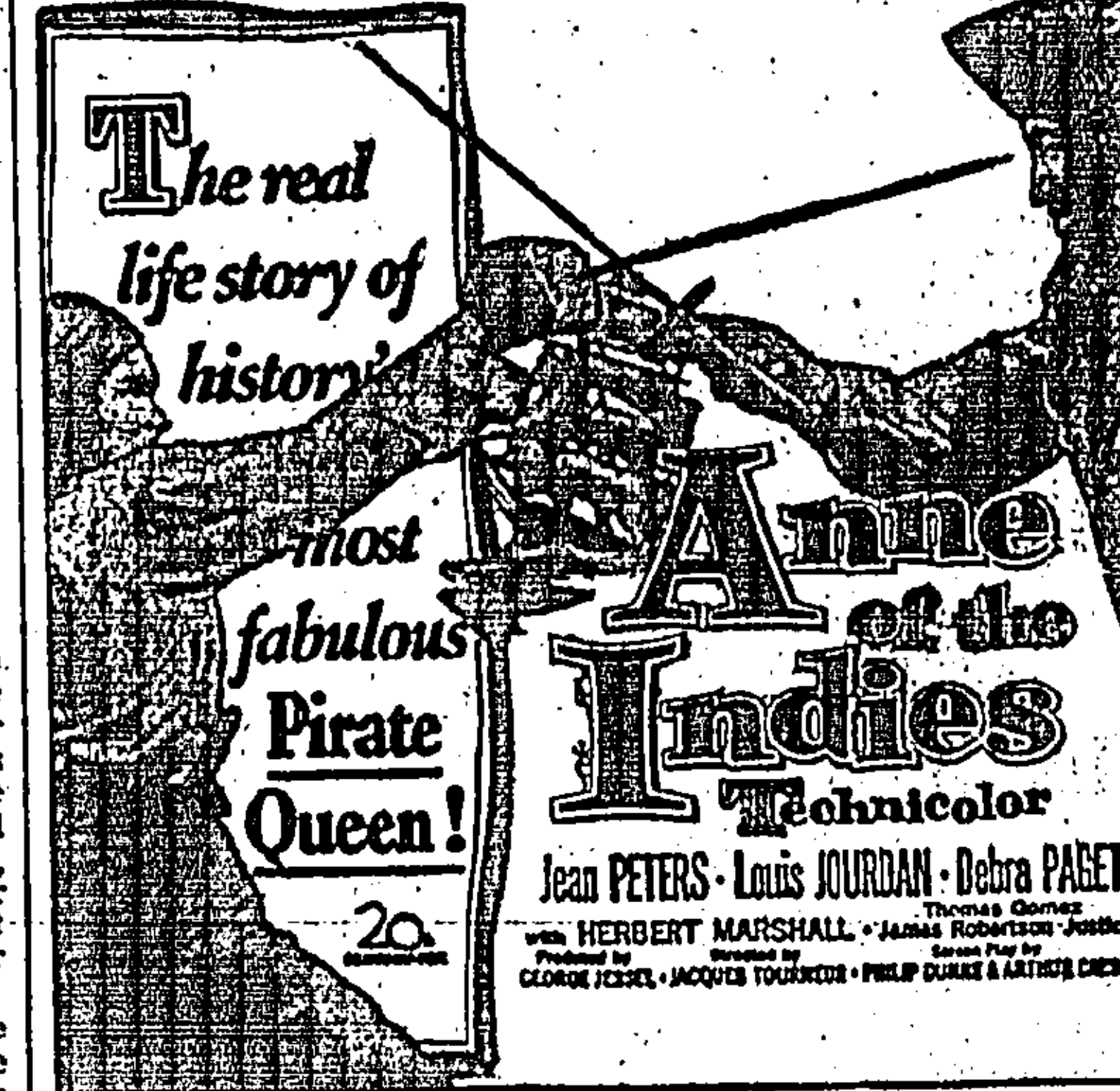


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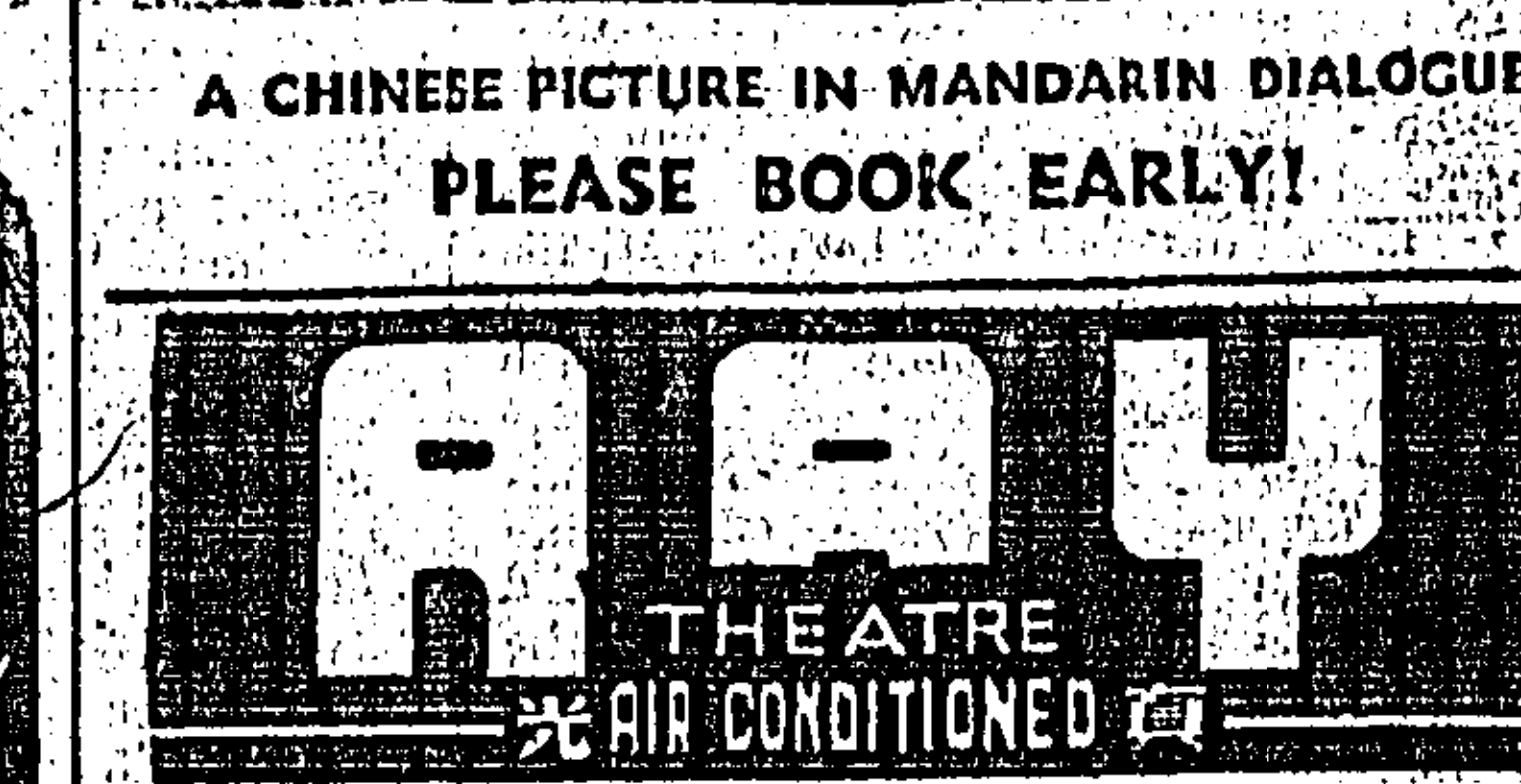
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A feature of the present Indian general election campaign has been the vast crowds which have flocked to hear the Premier, Mr. Nehru, speak on behalf of the Congress Party. The above picture was taken on the Maidan at Calcutta.—Express Service.

BRITISH BOY
TO STAY
IN AMERICA

Hollywood, Feb. 3. Thomas Kavanagh, 18-month-old boy given to the screen star, Jane Russell, by his Irish mother, can stay in the United States indefinitely under the British immigration quota, the Immigration Department said today.

The film queen brought Tommie from London last Nov. 6 after his mother learned Miss Russell wanted to adopt another baby.

Miss Russell was not available for comment, but the RKO spokesman said that the Immigration Department's decision did not mean the actress would actually adopt Tommie.

The film actress said previously she would not adopt Tommie because his parents would know where he was. She said, however, she would attempt to find him a good home.

Tommie had been in the United States under a three-month visitor's visa until the Immigration Office's approval of Miss Russell's request to place him on the British immigration quota.—United Press.

INFLATION WARNING TO EUROPE

Greater Pressure This Year
UN Commission's Criticism
Of America And Britain

Geneva, Feb. 3.

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe tonight warned that internal inflationary pressures were likely to be greater this year than last for European nations.

But external inflationary pressures might ease, the Commission declared in the second part of its economic survey of Europe in 1951, published here tonight.

Arms programmes were scheduled to increase in 1952, the Commission pointed out. Balance of payments difficulties were likely to bring a further round of import restrictions—in themselves inflationary.

Barring some further abrupt shock, a world confidence, it seemed quite possible that world prices would not go higher.

If governments do not intensify their efforts to conquer inflation, they might find themselves facing a more serious situation than they did in 1949, the report said. (Previously referring to devaluation).

The economies of Eastern Europe, despite the high degree of centralized control exercised by their governments, had not been able to ward off inflation, the report added.

The Commission criticized both the United States and Britain for sitting idly by while the Sterling Area's financial crisis deepened.

"The present crisis could have been foreseen and advanced preparations made to deal with it," the report said.

The Commission said the United States followed a programme of pressure on other nations to relax State controls on international trade and at the same time resorted to State trading itself in purchasing strategic commodities.

By suddenly halting the stockpiling programme in the middle of last year, the report said, it forced a fall in the British dollar and gold reserves which brought on a crisis.

As for the United Kingdom, the bulletin said it ignored one warning sign after another and sat and watched its reserves diminish by a record-breaking \$34,000,000 in the fourth quarter of 1951.

"It was not until Nov. 1 that a lightning on imports was imposed and then only with respect to purchases from other European countries," the report said.

"Not until this month did the Sterling Area Finance Ministers meet, although the increase in imports of these countries had played a key part in the development of the crisis."

The Commission said it will be several months before the decisions reached at the London financial meeting have any effect, which means a full year and more will have gone by since the onset of the crisis last July.

The Commission said: "The speed with which the present crisis can be solved depends on the speed with which an agreement can be reached on the distribution of direct dollar exports between the various members of the Sterling Area."

The E.C.E. listed the following temporary and basic factors working against a permanent solution of the Sterling Area's balance of payments problem:

1. Britain may have to spend more dollars than usual this year for food because the recent grain harvests in Argentina and Australia have been poor, and the British may get less coarse grain than they want from the Soviet Union because of the unfavourable prospects for the development of East-West trade;
2. The recent Anglo-American raw materials agreement will aid British industrial production but at heavy dollar cost;
3. The current industrial defence expansion in the United States may very well make it a still more difficult market for foreign suppliers;
4. Overseas demand for British goods is growing rapidly, but the United States has made it impossible for Mr. Nehru's ruling Congress Party to form State Ministries. Mr. Nehru's Party is winning in the Federal Parliament, however.

The Congress Party high command began emergency sessions yesterday to map strategy in Madras and Travancore-Cochin, but adjourned without making a final decision on whether to attempt to form Ministries despite the lack of majorities there.

Out of its growing volume of resources available each year the Soviet Union had developed a substantial and at present an increasing amount to defence.

LIVING COSTS FEAR

Other points made in the Commission's survey were: Rearmament: The world armaments boom seemed to have so far brought bigger proportionate gains to West Germany, Italy and Belgium than losses to, say, Britain and Denmark.

Production: Europe's industrial production was now about 40 per cent above pre-war but agricultural output was only a few per cent higher. Farm output in Eastern Europe was still far below pre-war; in Western Europe it was some 10 per cent greater.

Both in agriculture and in industry East and West Germany increased production more than nearly all other countries.

In the whole northern and western European region, where the 1951 harvest was insufficient to renew upward pressure on agricultural prices, and a resulting increase in the cost of living, was to be feared.

Textiles: The textile industries of the smaller West European countries seemed to have over-expanded.

There was a danger of a revival of textile protectionism in the smaller countries, which would make European textile production still more dependent on exports to overseas areas.

GERMAN INDUSTRY

Engineering: Despite the very considerably increased demand placed on the engineering industries of Western Europe in 1951 these demands were met with relative ease.

The rise in engineering production was particularly marked in West Germany, West Berlin and Austria, which together accounted for two-thirds of the increase in Western Europe.

Soviet Union: The Commission's report on economic developments in Russia is qualified by the difficulties resulting from the inadequacy of Soviet statistics that are published and the uncertainty as to the precise meaning of some of the available data.

The Commission claims, however, that the information now at hand is somewhat fuller than in recent years.

The indications were that the increase in the gross value of Soviet agricultural output from 1949 to 1950 was about seven per cent.

According to Mr. Lavrenti Beria, a Deputy President of the Council of Ministers, industrial production in 1951 was 10 per cent above the 1950 level.

The Commission said it will be several months before the decisions reached at the London financial meeting have any effect, which means a full year and more will have gone by since the onset of the crisis last July.

The Commission said: "The speed with which the present crisis can be solved depends on the speed with which an agreement can be reached on the distribution of direct dollar exports between the various members of the Sterling Area."

The E.C.E. listed the following temporary and basic factors working against a permanent solution of the Sterling Area's balance of payments problem:

1. Britain may have to spend more dollars than usual this year for food because the recent grain harvests in Argentina and Australia have been poor, and the British may get less coarse grain than they want from the Soviet Union because of the unfavourable prospects for the development of East-West trade;
2. The recent Anglo-American raw materials agreement will aid British industrial production but at heavy dollar cost;
3. The current industrial defence expansion in the United States may very well make it a still more difficult market for foreign suppliers;
4. Overseas demand for British goods is growing rapidly, but the United States has made it impossible for Mr. Nehru's ruling Congress Party to form State Ministries. Mr. Nehru's Party is winning in the Federal Parliament, however.

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Senator
Produces
Formula
For Peace

Washington, Feb. 3.

Senator H. Alexander Smith (Republican, New Jersey) said today that the one thing that can prevent World War III, is to make it clear in Korea and Southeast Asia that aggression will bring stern punishment.

The Senator, second ranking Republican on the Foreign Relations Committee, emphasized that he had in mind real joint action by this country, Britain, France and all the other United Nations—"and I mean together, not just leave it up to the United States."

In a radio interview with Gannett News Service, Senator Smith urged issuance of a solemn warning to Communist China in connection with both the threat of a strike into Indo-China and the stalled Korean peace talks.

He put emphasis on a coastal blockade which, he said, military men believe would convince the Reds they had "better play ball," but spoke also of bombing of Red Chinese cities if that further step proves necessary. He said "no" to an inquiry whether he meant atom bombs.

Senator Smith said it has been a mistake from the beginning that this country has not "put the heat" on its U.N. Allies to take such a stand on Korea.

KOREA FEAR
"Now the suggestion has been made that it might start World War III with Russia," Senator Smith said, "but in my judgment, unless we do something like this, Russia will continue to aggress here, there and everywhere in the world—it may be Iran, it may be the Middle East. They will continue to do it until they know we are going to stand together and prevent it."

"When they once know that it is not going to precipitate World War III, it is the one thing that can prevent World War III."

"Marking time" in Korea has not been to the free world's advantage, Senator Smith said. He feared the truce talks might break down and that events might disclose that the Reds through purposeful delay have built up to a stronger position.—Associated Press.

S. Korea - Taipei
Air Agreement

Taipei, Feb. 3.

An aviation agreement between the Nationalist Government of the Republic of China and the Republic of Korea is expected to be signed at Pusan around Feb. 10. Effective for six months, it will authorize flights between Pusan and Taipei.

Civil Air Transport, the airline run by retired Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault of World War II Flying Tiger fame, will act as agent for the Nationalist Korean Airways will act for the Republic of Korea.—Associated Press.

Boastful Claim By
Indian Red Leader

New Delhi, Feb. 3.

Election successes by the Communists in some Indian States led Parly boss Ajoy K. Ghosh to declare confidently today: "In a very short time we will have the backing of the majority in the country."

Ghosh said in an interview that Red influence is going to spread very rapidly now it has got a start in the general elections going on throughout India.

"Unless Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's Government relaxes its present rigid laws against the Communists, all hell will break loose in the country," he said.

The Red Party General Secretary pointed to nearly complete election results in Madras and Travancore-Cochin, where the Communists made the greatest headway. Successes of the Communists and new question mark in the States have made it impossible for Mr. Nehru's ruling Congress Party to form State Ministries.

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In Travancore's 108-member Assembly, the Congress Party won 44, and the Communist-sponsored United Front came close behind with 32 in the still incomplete counting.

Ghosh said his followers are busy conferring with other parties in Madras and Travancore. He predicted that the Reds had the best possibility for success in Travancore. If neither side is able to form a Ministry, new elections will have to be held in those States.

Throughout the rest of the elections, Mr. Nehru's Party commands majorities in most States. In the 498-seat Central Parliament, incomplete results give the Congress Party 102 seats to only 23 for the Reds and their allies.

Before the elections started last month, Ghosh cautiously predicted that it might take 15 years for the Reds to seize control.

Now he says it may be only five years.—Associated Press.

Briton Barred
By France

London, Feb. 3.

A British physicist, Professor J. D. Bernal, was refused permission to enter France yesterday and had to return to Britain.

Professor Bernal flew to France to report at a Peace conference on the reception of the Communist-backed World Peace Committee's delegation to the President of the United Nations General Assembly.

He was turned back at Le Bourget Airport—Reuter.

INDONESIA
CURRENCY
DEVALUEDNew Rate Effective
As From Today

Djakarta, Feb. 3.

Indonesia's Government announced today it is cutting the value of its currency by more than two-thirds. The change, which goes into effect at Monday's market opening, is designed to stimulate foreign trade.

The announcement said the rate for the Rupiah will be 11.40 to the dollar. This means the Rupiah will be worth about 8.6 cents. The current official value is about 23 cents.

Free or "black market" rates for foreign currencies here are much higher than the official rates.

In Djakarta's business section the US dollar actually fetches about 16 Rupiahs.

Other exchange values under the new adjustment were quoted as: 31.7 Rupiahs for the English Pound, 3.3 Rupiahs for the Dutch Guilder and 3.75 for the Straits Dollars.

As a result, exporters in Indonesia will receive 30 per cent more for foreign currency they earn for Indonesia.

This, however, will be largely consumed by new exports duties that go with the measure, except for economically "weak" products such as tea and tobacco.

The last major change in valuation was in March, 1950, when Indonesia devalued her currency by 50 per cent in a move to stem inflation.

The Government hopes its new scheme will promote the position of weak products and stimulate imports and exports by cutting part of the red tape.—Associated Press.

Eskimos A
Problem
For Canada

Toronto, Feb. 3.

Professor E. S. Carpenter, University of Toronto anthropologist, said today that Canadian discrimination against the native Eskimos was as great a problem here today as the negro question in the United States.

Professor Carpenter recently returned from a research project among the Northland dwellers.

The natives must be elevated on a level of equality and fraternity before their problem can be settled, he said. "They are miraculously attuned to the north and make excellent mechanics," he said. "The Russians, he added, had trained many Eskimos as airplane mechanics during World War II but they were not accepted in this country."

"The white man has destroyed the whaling industry... there are few caribou left and the bottom has fallen out of the fur market. Some of the Eskimos are so poor they have to hunt with bows and arrows because they cannot afford ammunition."

Professor Carpenter said tuberculosis was taking its toll among the Eskimos. Medical aid was sent, he said, but he thought the northlanders should be trained to do things for themselves, such as set bones, extract bullets and inject penicillin.—United Press.

Worry Can Make
You Fat

Quebec, Feb. 3.

Most people who worry become thin. But in some cases worry makes people fat, says Dr. Ewen Cameron, writing in the Canadian Medical Association Journal.

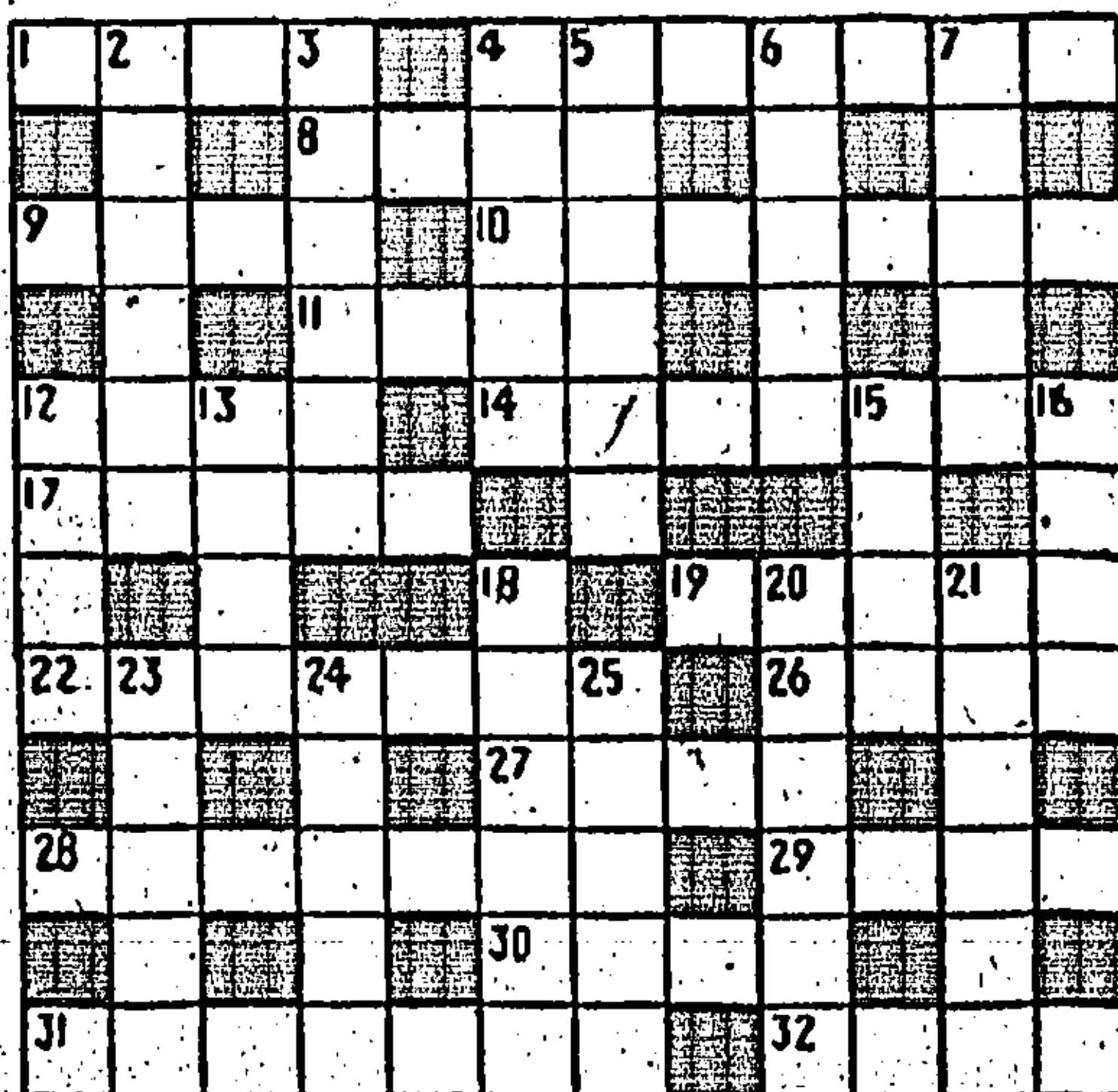
He says that one type of anxiety develops from repetitive, monotonous and unending work; another from generalizing worry over more and more objects.—London Express Service.

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 15. Bedeck (5)
 16. Gust (5)
 22. Protect (7)
 23. Insects (4)
 24. Large town (4)
 25. Expanded (7)
 26. Tale of heroism (4)
 30. Expensive (4)
 31. Defect in speech (7)
 32. Cook slowly (4)
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 6. Charm (6)
 7. Sumit (5)
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 18. Dash (4)
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SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD. — Across: 1. Muslim, 5. Rover, 8. Cover, 9. Rushed, 10. Sauce, 11. Dight, 12. Crew, 13. Death, 16. Dunes, 18. Seemed, 20. Soars, 22. Gilt, 23. Lilt, 25. Cigar, 26. Turbot, 27. Never, 28. Heads, 29. Seldom, Down: 1. Miracles, 2. Suspense, 3. Teed, 4. Medium, 5. Resided, 6. Orate, 7. Excel, 14. Ascribed, 15. Teetotalism, 16. Dealers, 17. Relatives, 19. Jermyn, 21. Kille, 24. Lure.

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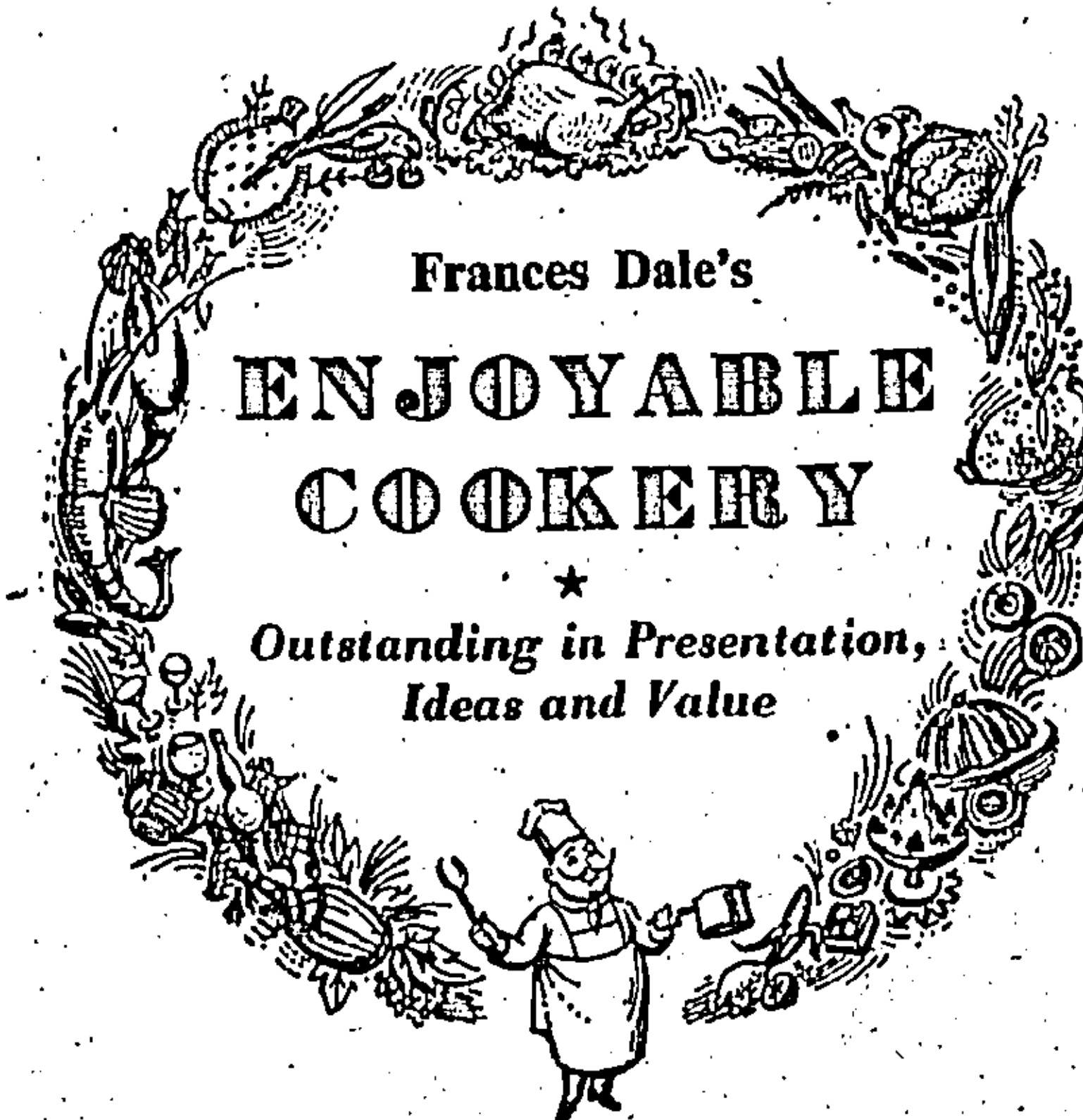
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To call it the best-ever built is only half the story

THE first tank designer I ever met (it was seven years ago in a wood behind the Rhine) asked my squadron what we wanted in the tank of the future.

We told him. Four times the punch, twice the speed, double the armour of our 40-ton Churchills.

Last week-end on the driving grounds and ranges of the Royal Armoured Corps Centre at Bovington I tested the result—our latest model Centurion.

To say it is the best tank ever built is just half the truth—it will alter the whole pattern of armoured warfare and give Britain the might which Hitler's panzers had in 1940.

It is the first tank since the Battle of Cambrai to put the tank on equal terms with the anti-tank gun.

SO EASY

FOR three hours I drove the Centurion over ground which World War II tanks would have found impossible—up near-vertical gradients and through mud and water where "wallowing" Matildas would have sunk to their turrets. At 20 miles an hour I cruised this 50-ton bulk of guns, armour, and engine across a battleground of pot-holes and trenches. It took everything with the ease of a limousine on a road.

Our Centurion answered to the controls like an Austin Seven.

No 50-ton tank has ever given anti-tank gunners a more slippery target. But, more important, the Centurion is the first tank which can really punch back at them.

I watched its 20-pounder gun in action. To fire it at tanks 1,000 yards away is like taking a Service rifle to a funfair shooting booth.

Trained gunners scored 15 direct hits out of 18 on targets a mile and a half away, almost invisible except through strong glasses.

They slammed shot after shot into the hulks of World War II tanks on the far side of a valley. I looked at the tanks afterwards. Through each the 20-pounder had sliced like a pencil through putty.

Even from a stationary tank such a performance is amazing. But the Centurion gave the same performance on the move.

Why? Because of the new stabiliser, which, however hard the tank bucks and swerves, keeps the gun on its target.

'LIFEBUOY'

I saw two other things. The first is a device which can put down a thick local smoke-screen within seconds. It is called the "lifebuoy" and is worked by the gunner.

Coupled with the stabiliser it means that as soon as Centurions are attacked they can lay their guns on the attacker, then fire back "blind" through their own smoke.

The second is a simple mechanism which makes the tank instantly waterproof for fording rivers. Imaginatively used, these two devices can greatly reduce the need of artillery and engineer support when tanks advance.

They can give much greater mobility to our armoured divisions, and help send them cracking where they ought to be—behind the enemy's communications.

Russian tanks captured in Korea are housed in a "museum" at Bovington.

For a combination of range and hitting-power the Centurion outclasses them all.

With auxiliary fuel tanks (dropped off as it goes into battle) its operational range is 120 miles on roads, 60 across country—three times greater than that of the Joseph Stalin tank.

And it is vastly superior in fire-power, armour, and control to the standard Russian cruiser tank, the T34.

ONE CRITICISM

THE Centurion, thanks to ample space for movement and ammunition, new gunights, and radio layout, is a much better tank for the crew.

I have only one criticism. A machine gun has been taken from the front of the hull to make room for a new ammunition bin.

It should be possible to replace this gun and to take on a fifth member of the crew for certain types of warfare—in particular for taking on the "cup tie" of infantry which our tanks have met in Korea.

But do we have lots of Centurions? Yes. This first-class British weapon is not just a show-piece. In 18 months we have equipped the equivalent of three armoured divisions with Centurions.

In the next six months we shall double production.

This year we shall build up a big reserve and send hundreds of Centurions to Canada, Australia, and South Africa. We shall equip two territorial divisions with them and export them to other members of NATO.

Within 18 months the West should have nine to 12

IN THE CELLAR OF 1,500 ART TREASURES

By EPHRAIM HARDCASTLE

London. distinguished from an ordinary ring, except by close examination.

Rules for wives

Any foolish woman can get married, but it takes a clever woman to stay happily married.

LADY MUNNINGS, who be- loves this, has been happily married to painter SIR ALFRED for 31 years.

Two of her rules for being a good wife—

Always be a luxury; never a habit... Take a holiday away from your husband; he will appreciate it; other, all the more when you're reunited.

THOUGH ANDREE, 21-year-old daughter of industrial designer RICHARD LONSDALE-HANDS, is not marrying until June, she has already decided to—

Keep silent when her husband "blows his top."

Make his married life as amusing as his bachelor days.

1952 'Dobs'

ALREADY the coming-out balls are being planned for this year's debutantes.

The HON. SARAH LONG, 17-year-old daughter of the late Viscount Long, will have a June dance at the Kings Langley home of her stepfather, the Earl of Dudley.

This is a smaller house than Ednam Lodge at Sunningdale—also owned by the earl—so she shall have to put up a temporary "ballroom," says Lady Dudley.

Lord's bulls

LEONARD P. LORD, head of Austins, is off on a four-months' trip abroad.

First stop is Australia, where apart from cars he will look at another local export: Hereford bulls, bred on his farm near Malvern.

He started cattle-racing, his only hobby, about eight years ago.

He rides now

ANOTHER breeder of Herefords is LEWIS DOUGLAS, the former U.S. Ambassador. Before he left London for South Africa he told me he has 700 head in Arizona.

He inspects his ranch on horseback, for riding is now his only exercise.

His daughter Sharman has just returned to the ranch.

Bachelors all

EIGHTY-FOUR of London's most eligible young bachelors are planning to revive the Bachelors' Ball, last held in 1880.

Among them are 20-year-old LORD GRAY and fellow Scot PETER MAXWELL-STUART.

If any of the 84 get engaged between now and May 1, date of the ball, they must give a dinner to the organising committee.

For Belgian industrialist Paul Cousin, Aguet carried a ring watch which could not be

And as we walked among the closely packed canvases he told me how many of them were rescued by a trick from German-occupied Europe during the war.

Some of the paintings are now at London's National Gallery.

But few people have seen the 1,500 others, including Rembrandt's Rubens, Van Dyck, and Leosoldos.

Prince Francis has 13,000 subjects, a Prime Minister, and a 15-member Parliament. He can create his own aristocracy.

Vaduz, his village capital, is connected to the nearest railway by an infrequent bus service.

'Ruritania'

IN this Ruritania I drove up a steep, winding road into the cobbled courtyard of his castle.

There he lives with his beautiful wife, former COUNTESS GINA VON WILCZEK, and three young children.

On the battlements—were ancient cannon. But the rooms were centrally heated.

The plus-foured prince told me that the paintings were collected largely by the Hapsburgs, from whom he is descended.

In the war many were stored on an island on Lake Constance.

The Germans allowed the prince to take certain numbered pictures into Liechtenstein.

But they kept no record of the numbers.

So the prince used the same numbers again and brought home twice as many as he was allowed.

Those tiny hands

RETURNING from Liechtenstein I met in Geneva CHARLES AGUET, who designs unusual watches.

He modelled the £1,500 wrist watch, with strap decorated with a row of diamonds, which became Switzerland's wedding present to Princess Elizabeth.

A 2,400 ring watch, perhaps the world's smallest, was designed for Mrs Tyrone Power.

For Belgian industrialist Paul Cousin, Aguet carried a ring watch which could not be

Andrew Wilson

PARIS
Newsletter
from Sam
WHITE

THE CUSTOMS MEN UPSET LES GIRLS

PARIS. The publisher went bankrupt, however, before the volumes could be put on sale. Total print was 1,200 copies, and these are now in a stockroom of a bookshop in Toulouse.

RED CURTAINS?

PARIS "chie". Bearded Russian Ambassador in Paris, Mr Pavlov, has bought Renaissance furniture for his Embassy.

PROFIT AND LOSS

CASINO receipts for the past year show that Engleien Casino, near Paris, heads the list with an annual take of £743,000. Deauville comes second with £460,000 and Cannes with £290,000.

DE GAULLE SPEAKS

CHARLEMAGNE rides again: General Charles de Gaulle, surveying with icy disdain the shambles of yet another political crisis in Paris, plans a dramatic return to deliver a speech extolling Charlemagne in the ancient city of Aix-la-Chapelle, where Charlemagne (founder of the Holy Roman Empire) is buried.

POET'S CORNER

MISSING diplomat's latest: A former Lyons publisher reveals that in 1945 he published a slim volume of poems, written by Guy Burgess in French and entitled "Proustian Garland."

LES GIRLS at the Bal Tabarin cabaret were agast, the management spluttered with indignation and the French tourist bureau is still wringing its hands.

Cause of all this agitation—a raid by French Customs inspectors on the largely tourist audience of the Tabarin in search of smuggled watches. The raid was carried out by 20 inspectors in civil, who posed as "ordinary" members of the audience. At the interval the inspectors moved down the aisle examining the watches of foreigners for Customs stamps.

Result of the raid: 40 sum-mones and a total of £250 in fines. A French Customs official explained "750,000 watches were smuggled into France last year. We had to do something about it." Comment by the French management: "No way to treat our foreign guests."

the concept of a European army and the Schuman plan and make a dramatic offer to the Germans.

The offer: Joint Franco-German exploitation of French Morocco.

THE INVALID

ACTOR-DANCER Gene Kelly, starring in his second film after "An American in Paris," held up location shots last year by going skiing and straining a tendon. This year he is again holding up proceedings—he is now in a Paris hotel with influenza.

SIT VAC.

QUOTES of the week: Orson Welles in Paris searching for someone to play the part of Salome in his next film: "It's a curious and baffling thing. Whenever I see a likely-looking girl in a bar or a night-club and ask her if she would like to go into films she replies: 'It's away. I have heard that one before.'"

A fortune-teller, to the Aga Khan: "Your son, Ali, will not be a bachelor. He is much happier as a bachelor."

AFTER THE DANCE

ECONOMY measure? The ballroom of the British Embassy has been turned into a badminton court.

Freebooter Set The Top Weight To Carry In The Grand National

London, Feb. 3. Mrs Lurline Brotherton's Freebooter, the winner in 1950, has been set the top weight of 12 stone seven pounds in this year's Grand National, to be run at Aintree, Liverpool, on April 5, and faces a task which has not been performed for over 30 years.

It was in 1919 that a top weight last won the Grand National, Poethlyn carrying 12 stone, seven pounds to victory to win the race for the second year in succession.

Bookmakers apparently are not eager to open a market either on the Grand National or the Lincolnshire Handicap, the weights for which will be reviewed later, but when the ante-post betting does get under way there can be little doubt that Freebooter will be very near the top of the Grand National book.

Mrs Brotherton's 11-year-old gelding was carrying top weight when he was brought down in last year's race and his victory in 1950 was scored under a burden of 11 stone 11 pounds, 10 pounds less.

SPORTING CHANCE Every pound over the 12 stone mark tells heavily over the Aintree course, the stiffest steeplechasing course in the world, but Freebooter has been in such great fettle this season that he must have a sporting chance even with this heavier burden.

Victory in the big Aintree chase has often virtually marked the end of a horse's career—Russian Hero, for instance, has not won in his outlying since his Grand National victory of 1949.

But Freebooter has preserved all his fire and spirit and is still unquestionably one of the finest steeplechasers seen in Britain in recent years.

This season he has won three of his four races, the only defeat being at Sandown Park last month, when he finished a neck behind Lord Bicester's Silver Fame over three miles at level weights.

Silver Fame gets seven pounds from him in the National, but his record at Aintree has been the dismal one of five falls in five races there.

It seems likely that he will be sent instead for the Cheltenham old Cup, which he won last year.

There can be little question that Freebooter is the best proposition among the higher-weighted division in the race. Only Silver Fame, of the five ranked nearest to the weights has been over the Aintree fences, which are quick to bring out the limitations of horses which have looked good over the easier Park courses.

Two French challengers, Le Droie and Cafe Creme, have academically been set the same weight as Freebooter, neither has run three times in Britain or Ireland.

Down among the lower weights is Pearly Prince, who in spite of one of the best records of this season has been set only 10 stone, five pounds to carry.

Rio, a nine-year-old former hunter, has won his three races this season and one of them was over four miles, only half a mile less than the Grand National distance.

Nickel Coin, the gallant mare who won last year, has not been too harshly treated with 11 stone, 13 pounds more than she carried to victory.

She has had only one race this season so far, but her owner, Mr Frank Boyle, hopes shortly to have her racing every 10 days or so in her preparation for the double victory.

IRISH CHALLENGE The Irish challenge nearly came off last year when Royal Tan, the only other candidate to stand up for the full distance, finished second to Nickel Coin and Derrinstown finished third after being brought down and remounted.

Royal Tan is perhaps their best hope this year though Ivy Glen, winner of the Irish Grand National, also has prominent claims.

Royal Tan, on whom the amateur rider, Mr A. S. O'Brien, put in such a good effort in 1950, is set to carry seven pounds more, making his weight 11 stone, six pounds. He has not been highly tested so far this season, having had only three races, one of them a novices' hurdle, which gave him his only win.

He was a seven-year-old when he conquered the stiff

Aintree fences last year and he must stand an excellent chance of victory this time. Royal Tan, a nine-year-old gelding, owned by Mr Philip Gray, was receiving 23 pounds from Royal Tan when he beat him by one and a half lengths in the Irish Grand National.

In the Aintree event he is set 10 stone, three pounds and thus receives 17 pounds.

Derrinstown is on the same mark as last year, 10 stone, six pounds. He has been busy this season, having had 13 races, of which he won one, a three-mile chase at Leopardstown, Dublin.

Apart from Freebooter, there is nothing really outstanding in the higher-weighted division. Cottage Rake, Irish triple winner of the Cheltenham Gold Cup, has 12 stone, two pounds but like Silver Fame, who is set 12 stone, he looks more likely to go for the Cheltenham event again.

Statecraft, owned by Mrs John White, sister of the late Lord Midway, has been allotted 12 stone on the basis of his victory in the King George VI Chase at Kempton Park on Boxing Day.

He suffered from kidney trouble and the harrier water which he is given to keep him in trim does not seem likely to inspire him to victory at Aintree with this weight.

Rolmond, second in 1949 and Cloncarraig, another Aintree veteran, make little appeal on recent form with 11 stone, 13 pounds each.

BETTER PROPOSITION

The late Mr James V. Rank's Shargreen, yet another Irish challenger, looks a better proposition with 11 stone, 12 pounds to carry, four pounds less than last year, though he has disappointed Irish hopes in the last two Nationals, falling on both occasions.

On the same mark is Mr George Hensley's eight-year-old gelding, Sham, who is a winner over the Aintree fences and has a most impressive record over the past two years.

Though a constantly improving animal, he seems handicapped well up to his best form. It is worth noting that Greenogue, who gave him 19 pounds and a six-length beating at Hurst Park early this season, gets only one pound more than him in the National.

In view of his substantial weight his connections may prefer to let him go for the Cheltenham Gold Cup this year and wait until next year for him to have a shot at the National.

In addition to Freebooter, Mrs Brotherton can send good performers in Q.E.D. and Cushman. Cushman, who has 11 stone, six pounds to carry, is only a seven-year-old and may not run.

Q.E.D., a nine-year-old, who has won three races this season, carries 11 stone, four pounds, which his trainer, Bobby Renton, says is five or six pounds more than he expected for him.

Mighty Mites Win A Point

The Mighty Mites (School "B") won their first point of the season in the Ladies' Hockey League on Saturday when they played the Widgits to a goalless draw at King George V School.

They modestly attributed their point to the fact that they were playing on their home ground, but in actual fact scored it at the expense of Doris Ebert, whom they marked throughout the match, leaving the other Widgits forwards to shoot wild to their hearts' content.

Other scores were: Recrole beat University 2-0, Victorians beat Dorians 2-0, Gremlins beat Little Flowers 4-0.

Neville Crump, the trainer, has said he thought Wat Nu Sun, second to Freebooter in 1950 with 11 stone, eight pounds, had little chance this time with 11 stone, seven pounds.

His other pair, Skyreholme (11 stone, three pounds) and Teal (10 stone 12 pounds) do not seem overweighted and Teal especially seems the sort who might do very well.

Another Delight, a stable companion of Statecraft, seems well in at 10 stone, 10 pounds. He jumps not too powerfully but he is tough and stays well.

Another to catch the eye is Cardinal Error (11 stone, eight pounds), a winner with 12 stone, four pounds on his back over three and a half miles early in the year.

The only American-owned candidate, Mrs E. Du Pont's Weirs Canford, seems to have quite enough weight in the 11 stone, five pounds allotted to him. He has won only once in the past two years.

First acceptances are due next Tuesday and with the publication of these a flourishing market should soon be in operation.—Reuter.

HOW THEY RAN AT AINTREE

OF the 24 horses entered for the Grand National (April 5) eight have completed the double circuit of the Aintree course—24 races over 4 miles 800 yards. Their placings, and the fate of others who have attempted the feat (showing the fence at which they went out) are indicated in the left-hand table.

PERFORMANCES OVER THE GRAND NATIONAL DISTANCE				PERFORMANCES OVER THE SHORTER DISTANCES AT AINTREE			
Horse	1951	1950	1949	1948	Completed courses	Went out	At
ARMOUR	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st
ARMOUR	2nd	2nd	2nd	2nd	2nd	2nd	2nd
ARMOUR	3rd	3rd	3rd	3rd	3rd	3rd	3rd
ARMOUR	4th	4th	4th	4th	4th	4th	4th
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ARMOUR	24th	24th	24th	24th	24th	24th	24th

*Fences: 1. Chalky; 2. Bauldy; 3. Bauldy; 4. Bauldy; 5. Bauldy; 6. Bauldy; 7. Bauldy; 8. Bauldy; 9. Bauldy; 10. Bauldy; 11. Bauldy; 12. Bauldy; 13. Bauldy; 14. Bauldy; 15. Bauldy; 16. Bauldy; 17. Bauldy; 18. Bauldy; 19. Bauldy; 20. Bauldy; 21. Bauldy; 22. Bauldy; 23. Bauldy; 24. Bauldy.

JAPAN'S NO. 3 BEATS BOTH BERGMANN AND LEACH England Fights Back For A Memorable Victory

Bombay, Feb. 3.

With back to the wall, England fought back today to record one of her finest victories in one of the most memorable matches in table tennis history when she beat Japan 5-2 in the Swaythling Cup competition.

But honours went to Japan, whose Number Three, bespectacled, Iean H. Satoh became the hero of Asia's table tennis when he downed the former World Champion, Richard Bergmann, 10-21, 21-13, 21-15 and the current World Champion, Johnny Leach, 8-21, 21-10, 21-13.

Satoh's unorthodox style and furious driving seemed to have completely upset the British stars. A large crowd cheered every winning stroke the Japanese made.

Both Bergmann and Leach were more often than not left standing, with Satoh's passing shots to both flanks. What astounded the onlookers was the strange sight of Bergmann—one of the greatest defensive players of the time—being unable to return or retrieve Satoh's killing drives.

UNPLAYABLE Try as Bergmann did, he had no answer to Satoh's devastating attack. Leach, too, found the Japanese almost unplayable even after winning his first game with an apparent ease.

The match that will be long remembered and which had the fans on their toes throughout was that between Japan's No. 1, N. Fujii, and Bergmann.

England was leading 4-2 at this stage, Fujii, smashing repeatedly, took the first game 21-10. Bergmann seemed to be completely bewildered and at sea in this game.

In the deciding game, Bergmann clearly proved his claim to being incomparable when he came from behind—Fujii was leading 20-15 to draw level and win in a masterly fashion, 23-21. But many thought that Fujii's nervousness cost him the game and match. He missed five smashes in a row.

Results were: Satoh beat Hayashi 21-23, 21-10 and 21-13. Bergmann lost to Satoh 21-10, 13-21, 15-21. Johnny Leach defeated Fujii 21-13, 10-21 and 21-13.

Bergmann beat Hayashi 21-18 and 21-13.

Simons beat Fujii 21-18 and 21-14.

Johnny Leach lost to Satoh 21-10, 13-21 and 15-21.

HONGKONG BEATS CHILE In the Swaythling Cup matches, Hongkong beat Chile 5-0.

Fu Chi-fang beat H. Gonzalez 21-13, 21-13.

Chung Chin-shing beat V. Gutierrez 21-9, 21-9.

Keung Wing-ning beat E. Loch 21-11, 21-13.

Fu Chi-fang beat Gutierrez 21-10, 21-2.

Keung Wing-ning beat Gonzalez 21-10, 21-11.

HONGKONG BEATS BRAZIL Later, Hongkong beat Brazil 5-0.

Individual results in the Hongkong-Brazil match were: Fu Chi-fang beat D. Midosi, 21-12, 21-16.

Si Su-cho beat H. Saverio 21-18, 21-11.

Keung Wing-ning beat Saverio 21-11, 21-7.

Fu Chi-fang beat H. Saverio 21-17, 9-21, 21-17.

Keung Wing-ning beat D. Midosi, 21-10, 21-16.

OTHER RESULTS In other Swaythling Cup matches, Hungary beat Vietnam 5-0, France beat Germany 5-1, India beat Portugal 5-0, Cambodia beat Pakistan 5-2, France beat Afghanistan 5-0, Chile beat Afghanistan.

In the Corbillion Cup competition, Japan's women stars continued to blast their way towards their goal, when they

JERSEY JOE WANTS SOME HARD CASH

Miami, Florida, Feb. 8. Heavyweight Champion Jersey Joe Walcott, anxious to grab a lucrative offer to fight Harry (Kid) Matthews, apparently made little progress today in an attempt to postpone meeting former champion Ezzard Charles in a return bout.

Felix Boeschle, Walcott's Manager, conferred with International Boxing Club President James Norris with the idea of obtaining Walcott's release from the contract but reported no progress.

"We discussed offers," Boeschle said, "but reached no conclusions."

Boeschle said he planned to see Norris again tomorrow but added no time or place had been agreed upon for the meeting.

Norris said he saw no reason why Walcott should not go through with his contract to give Charles a return bout.

Walcott claims he "hasn't made a dime" off the title he won from Charles in Pittsburgh last July and wants release from his IBC contract so he can accept a reported \$250,000 offer from a Las Vegas, Nevada, hotel operator for a fight with lightweight champion Matthews.

Boeschle said he had tentatively accepted the offer from Wilbur Clark, the hotel operator, and that Walcott would fight Matthews first unless Norris' IBC would match or better the offer.—Associated Press.

HOCKEY LEAGUE

The following were the results of hockey matches played yesterday:

Men's 1st Division—Dutch HC 2 New Japan 1.
Men's 2nd Division—Police 4 University 1; Argonauts "B" 3 YMCA 0; New Bharat 1; Aces 0; Nomads 6 HKAA 1.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft programmes and Entry Forms for the 4th Race Meeting 1952 to be held on Saturday, 16th February, 1952, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Telephone House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 7th February, 1952.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB FOURTH RACE MEETING

Saturday, 16th February, 1952
(Held under the Rules of The Hong Kong Jockey Club)

There are 9 races. The First Race will be run at 1:30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2:00 p.m.

Through Tickets (9 Races — \$18.00) may be obtained at the Comptroller Office of the Club, Telephone House, also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup" scheduled to be run on 18th February, 1952.

Through Tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for by 10:00 a.m. on Friday, 15th February, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL CASH SWEEP ON THE LAST RACE.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Office at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at:

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All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and the Club Rooms at \$10.00 including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Telephone House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Secretary's Office at 11:45 a.m. The Treasurer's Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office are situated at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3.00 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate. BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PREMISES OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

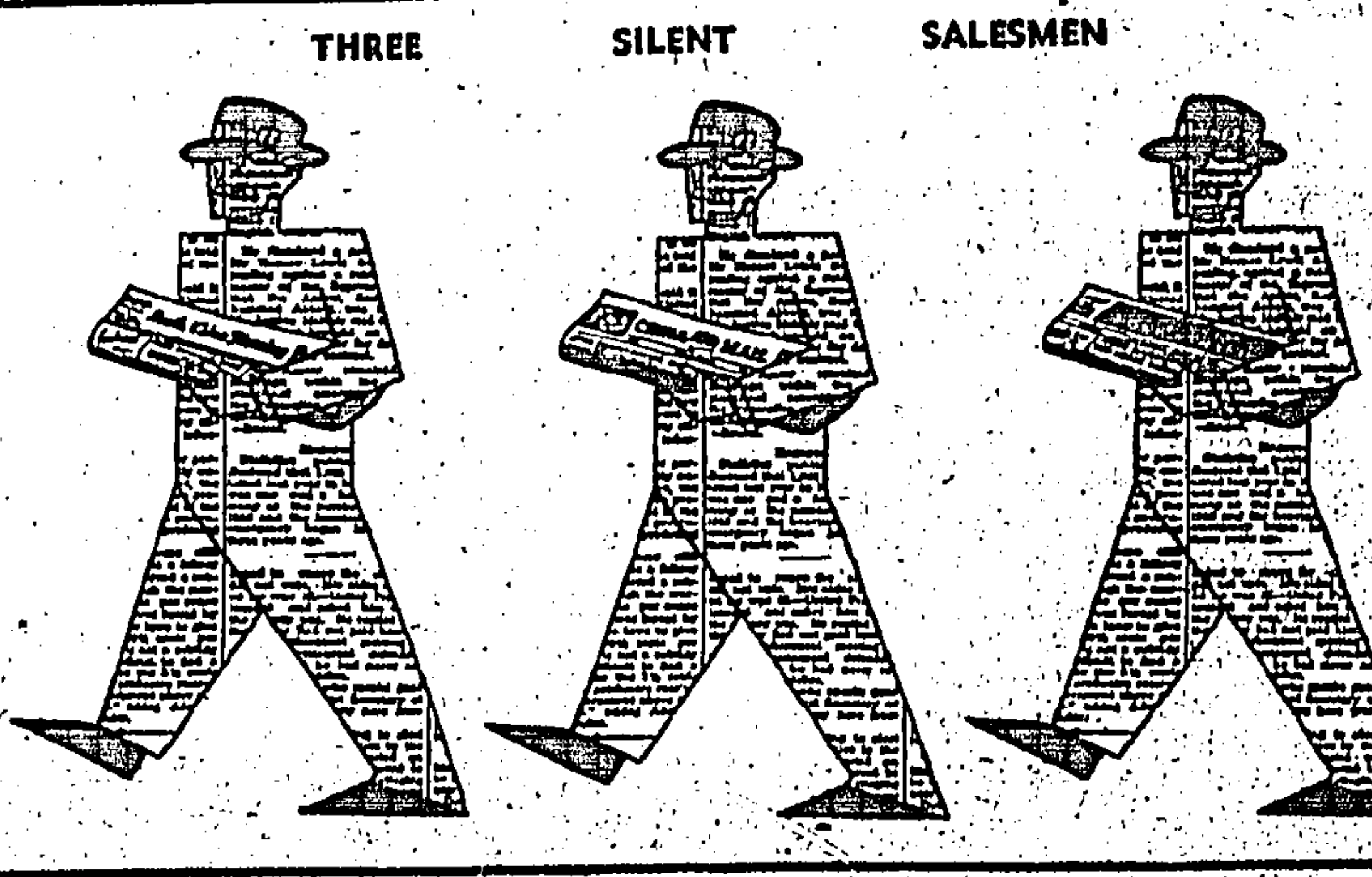
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Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.



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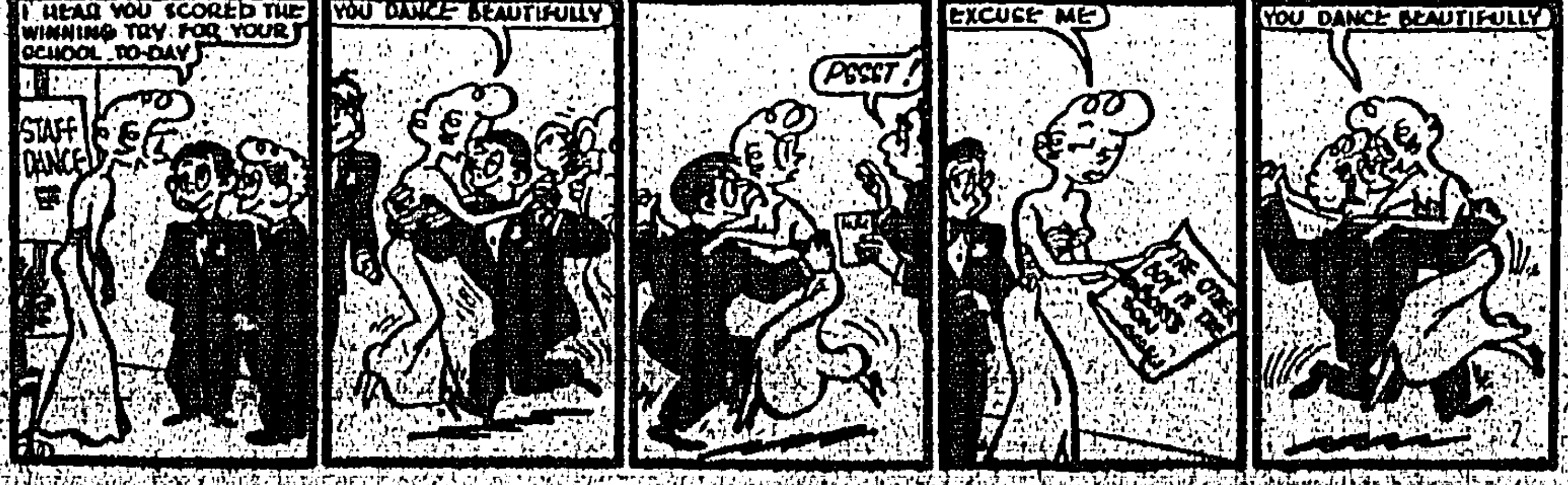
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"HUPEI"	Tientsin	10 a.m.	13th Feb.
"YOHOW"	Yokohama		
	Osaka & Kobe	5 p.m.	15th Feb.
"SINKIANG"	Singapore & Penang	10 a.m.	17th Feb.
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"FUNGING"	Bangkok	10 a.m.	24th Feb.

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"POYANG"	Moji	5/6th Feb.	
"SOOCHOW"	Kobe	6th Feb.	
"HUPEI"	Tientsin	9th Feb.	
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G. "PELEUS" do	17th Feb.
S. "AUTOLYCUS" do	22nd Feb.
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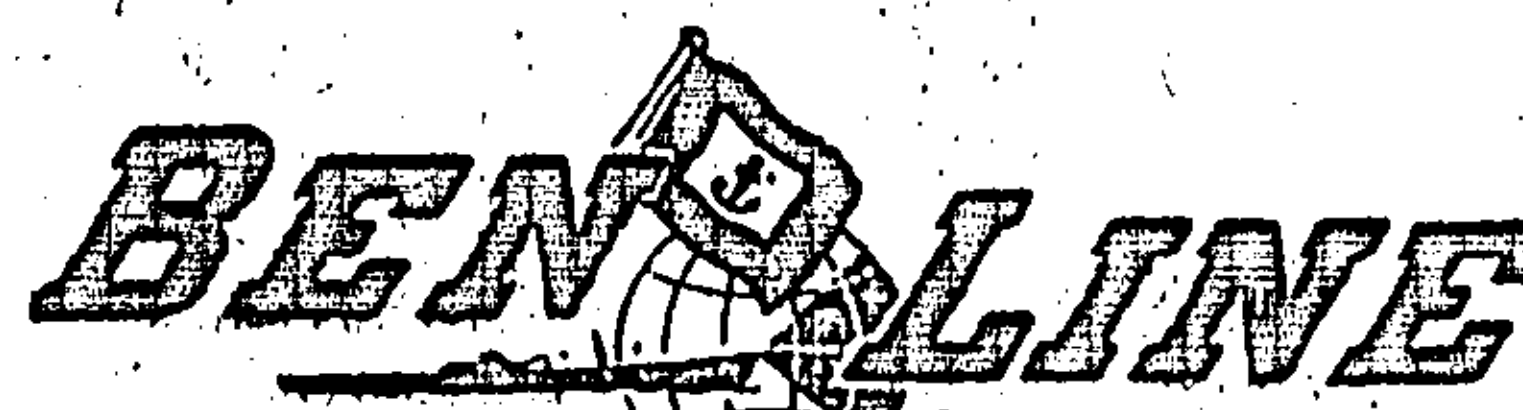
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"BENCRACHAN"	Japan	20th Apr.

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NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS OF REBE JEAN VICTOR NEUMANN, late of No. 14 Sui Yui Road, "Sui Yui Terrace" (Flat No. 2) in the Colony of Hong Kong, late of French Bank Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 55 (1) of the Probate and Administration Ordinance (Cap. 10) made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 24th day of February, 1952.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send in their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 1st day of February, 1952.

HASTINGS & COMPANY,

Solicitors for the Administrator pendente lite of the estate of the above named deceased.

10, Queen's Road, Hong Kong.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG PROBATE JURISDICTION

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Conscription In Indonesia

Paris, Feb. 3.

Indonesian radio today announced that the Indonesian Ministry of Justice had drafted a bill on creation of compulsory military service.

The bill was submitted to the Indonesian Cabinet which will study it, the radio said. — France-Press.

Giant Footprints Identified

Melbourne, Feb. 3.

Fossilized footprints found at Warrnambool, Victoria, have been identified as those of a giant kangaroo, a large emu-like bird, and an animal resembling a wombat.

A paleontologist of the National Museum, Mr. E. D. Gill, said that the prints covered 20 square feet.

The too of the emu-like bird measured 10 inches and the tracks of the wombat-type of animal could be followed for 20 feet, he said. — Reuter.

NOTICE

A. S. WATSON & COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the 63rd Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on Friday, the 22nd February, 1952, at 11.15 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the period ended 31st October, 1951, and to elect Directors and appoint auditors.

At 11.30 a.m. of the same day at the same place, an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held for the purpose of considering two resolutions fully set out in the Notices convening this Meeting which have been sent to individual shareholders. The first resolution provides for the termination of the Agreement between the Company and Messrs. John D. Humphreys & Son and for the compensation of Messrs. John D. Humphreys & Son Ltd., the successors in business of the said Messrs. John D. Humphreys & Son. The resolution also provides for the offer to members of 50,000 shares in the Company at \$20.00 per share in order to raise part of the compensation payable to the said General Managers in consequence of the termination of the said Agreement. In the event of this resolution being carried, a further resolution will be proposed as a special resolution. This provides for consequential amendments to the Articles of Association of the Company arising from the termination of the Agreement with the General Managers and for the transfer of the powers formerly exercised by the General Managers to the Board of Directors of the Company. Any shareholder who has not received the Notice setting out these resolutions in full and the accompanying Statement from the Chairman of the Board of Directors may obtain copies on application to the Secretary of the Company.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Monday, 11th February, 1952, to Friday, 22nd February, 1952, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
WM. PATERSON,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 1st February, 1952.



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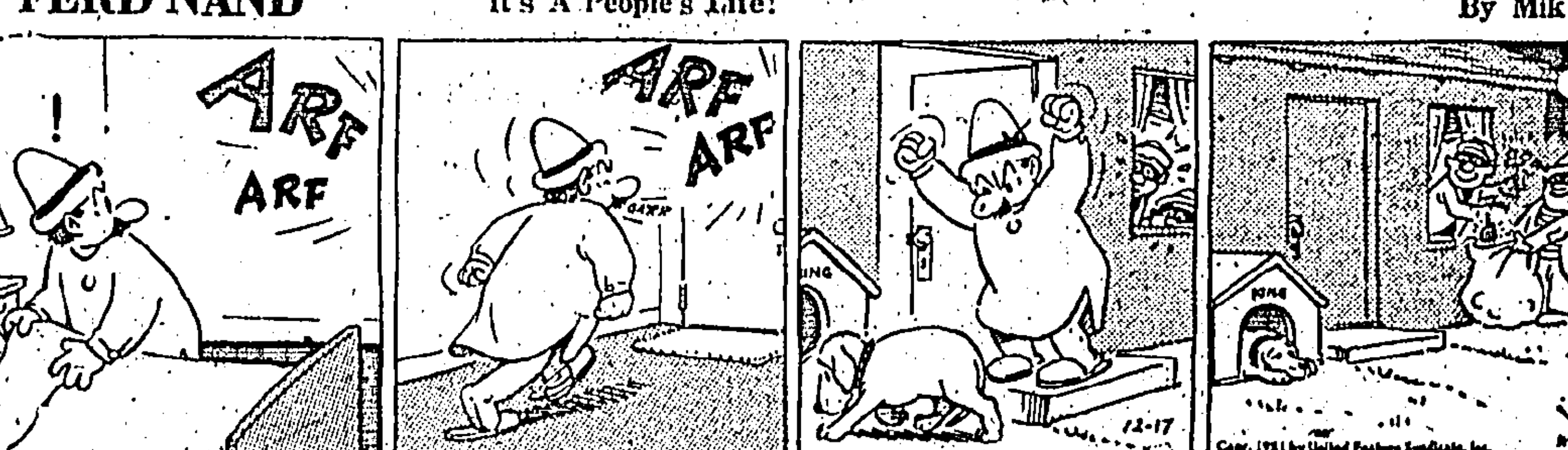
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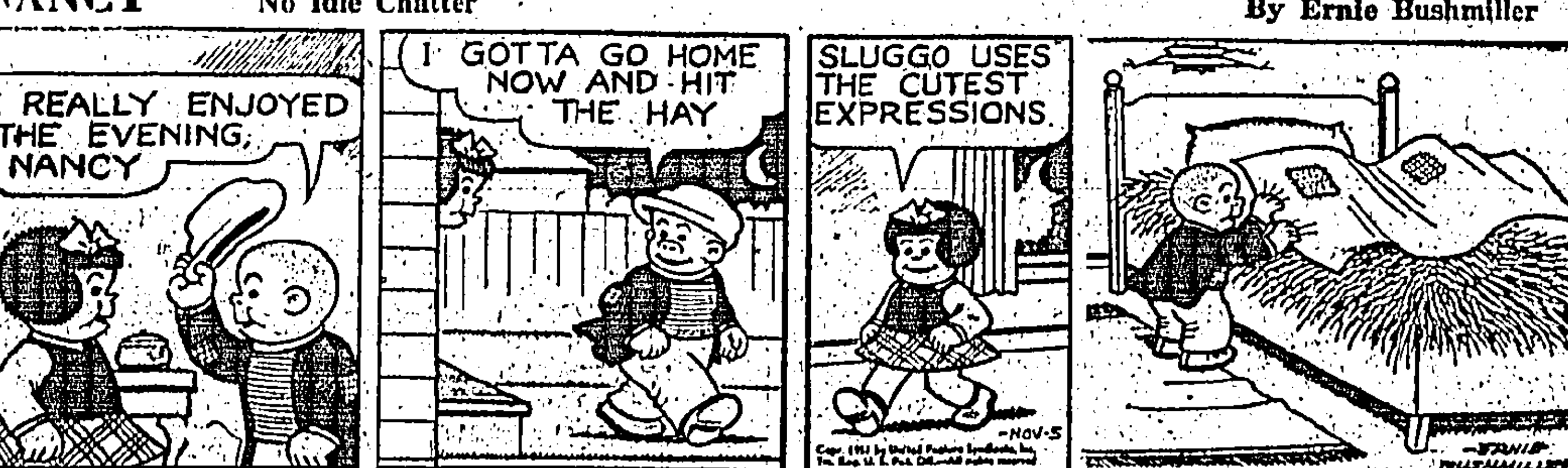
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Arab King's Health Said Weakened

Cairo, Feb. 3.

The Egyptian Ambassador to Pakistan, Abdul Wahad Azzam Bey, stated here today that the health of King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia had been seriously shaken by the recent turn of events in Egypt.

The Ambassador made the statement on his return to Cairo after a trip to Saudi Arabia on an official mission.

Ibn Saud is 70 years of age. His health has been causing anxiety for some months and the King has had increasing difficulty in traveling. He has lately been leaving current business in the hands of his heir, Prince Faysal Al Saud, Viceroy of Nejd.

However, Ibn Saud, who worried about repercussions throughout the whole East of the Egyptian affair, still participates in important Government meetings and talks.

American circles in Cairo do not hide the fact that the special mission of the State Department official, Kermit Roosevelt, to Cairo is linked with the Arabian mediation.

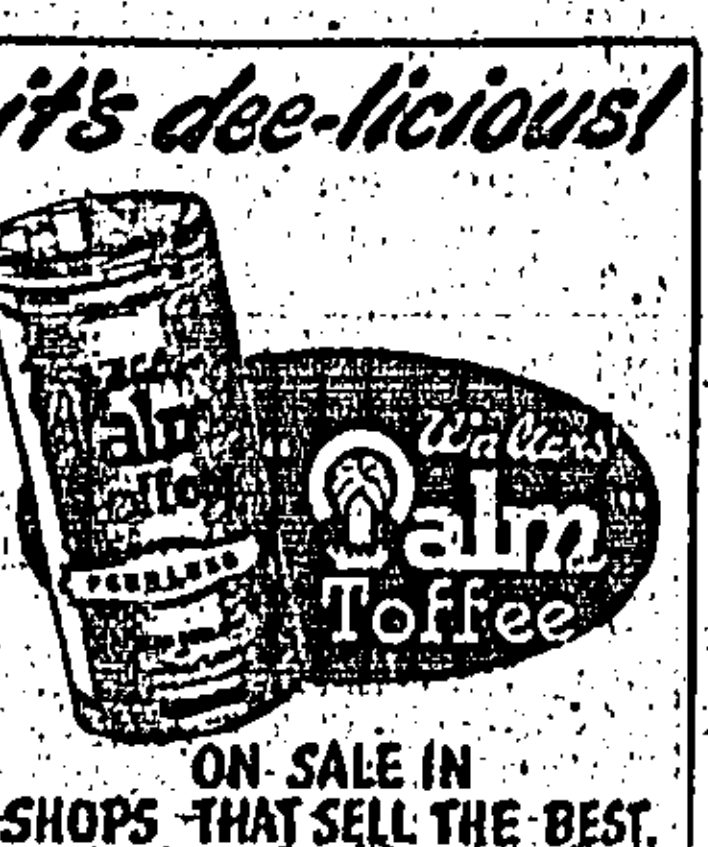
Mr. Kermit Roosevelt, grandson of President Theodore Roosevelt, is the State Department's advisor for Middle Eastern Affairs.

He is expected today in Cairo where he is to have talks with the United States Ambassador, Mr. Jefferson Caffery, on the situation in Egypt. — France-Press.

More Taxes Ahead

Paris, Feb. 3.

The French Economic Minister, M. Robert Buron, said tonight that the Government hoped to raise an additional 200,000 million francs in new taxes. — Reuter.



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Profitable Year Of World Cotton Output Forecast

New Orleans, Feb. 3.
Mr Read P. Dunn, Foreign Trade Director of the National Cotton Council, today predicted a year of profitable cotton production on a world-wide basis.
"The continuing heavy demand and the tight supply will make this possible," Mr Dunn told the delegates to the Council's 14th annual meeting.

Drastic Economies Demanded

Washington, Feb. 3.
Senator Tom Connally, Texas Democrat, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, called yesterday for drastic cuts in the President's budget.
"I am convinced that drastic cuts can be made... without impairing our rearmament programme and the other essential functions of the Government," he said.
A budget of the proportions proposed by the White House for the fiscal year beginning July 1 would cause a deficit of \$14,000,000,000, he said, compared with a deficit of \$11,000,000,000 in 1951.
"I am opposed to increasing tax rates," Mr Connally said. "The only solution, therefore, is to make every possible saving in expenditures... Every department simply must reduce its standard of living and learn to get along on less."
The Senator did not go into detail as to where the cuts should be imposed.—Associated Press.

New Quotas Announced

Washington, Feb. 3.
The Office of International Trade of the U.S. Commerce Department today issued several corrections in quotas for various countries from the United States during the first six months of 1952.
Quotas totalling 485,000 long tons of bromine sulphur as mined, recovered or otherwise produced of purity of 97 per cent or greater were originally announced on Jan. 25. There is no change in the total but corrected allocations for the various countries are as follows in long tons:
Indonesia 3,530 instead of 33,000; Germany 12,000 instead of 11,000; French North Africa 5,500 instead of 6,000; Iraq 500 instead of 500; British Colonies 180 instead of 250; Netherlands West Indies 12,000 instead of 11,000; and Trinidad 80 instead of 311.—United Press.

COTTON TEXTILE MARKET

New York, Feb. 3.
The Army Quartermaster's inquiry for approximately 14,000,000 yards of cotton cloth delivered in an otherwise dull situation in the cotton textile market last week. The Army has asked for bids on 4,000,000 yards of the new seven-ounce water-repellent and wind-resistant cotton and 8,000,000 yards of best cloth.
Civilian business, however, remained in the doldrums. Certain types of print cloth were bought in small volume for the dress trade for quick delivery.—United Press.

Nervous Week In Cotton

New York, Feb. 3.
Cotton futures saw-sawed nervously over moderate limits last week as traders awaited Washington legislative and Korean developments.
Evening up in March delivery in preparation for the first notice day on February 28, provided the main trading center late in the week.
At Friday's close, the list ruled 10 points higher to 57 points lower than the preceding week, or a rise of 50 cents to a decline of \$2.55 a bale.
The news that the farm bloc leaders may not press a fight for higher cotton price supports, along with the accumulating slow demand for textiles and the grain and security markets, kept buyers off balance in the forefront of the week.—United Press.

MR BUTLER'S PROGRAMME

Inflationary And Deflationary Forces

Further Action Within The Framework Of The Budget

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Feb. 3.

The economic measures outlined last week by Mr R. A. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, cannot be judged in isolation. Given the further deterioration that took place in the general economic situation during the closing months of last year, they followed naturally upon the proposals announced at the beginning of last November.
The drastic cuts in imports announced at that time considerably narrowed the scope for further action in this field but other measures have now been adopted which, it is hoped, will enable this country to balance its account with the outside world by the second half of the year.

New Delhi And Sterling Area

Bombay, Feb. 3.
Sir Chintaman D. Deshmukh, the Indian Finance Minister, told reporters here today that it was not possible for India to leave the Sterling bloc at present.
"India has numerous problems and it is not in her interest to get out of the Sterling Area," he said before leaving by air for London, where he will meet the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr R. A. Butler, this week for talks on the Sterling Area's balance of payments position.
He expects to return to Delhi on February 10, he said.—Reuter.

Japanese Control Of Trade TO BE CARRIED OUT IN STAGES

Tokyo, Feb. 3.
The projected transfer by SCAP of control on Japanese exports to the Japanese Government will be completed in several stages by the coming into force of the peace treaty, Mr Takio Koda, Commissioner of International Trade and Industry, predicted today.
Commenting on the contemplated partial transfer made known on Saturday, Mr Koda conceded that it would never signify the relaxation of export controls.
The Commissioner recalled that when SCAP control of cotton cloth and yarn was handed to the Japanese Government last year, some trading circles misinterpreted the action, and thought that controls on these exports had been lifted.
Mr Koda suggested that some when the time should come to handle exports in line with the policy of co-operation with the United States.
Sources close to the Government pointed out that the transfer will allow exports on Japanese Government permits of such goods as are not listed as requiring GHQ approval.
After the Japanese peace treaty takes effect, the same sources said, the Government may prepare a list of contraband articles to Communist countries after the pattern of the United States.
The final decision on such contraband would be made in Japanese-United States negotiations in Washington.—France-Press.

Not Prepared For Civilian Economy

Los Angeles, Feb. 2.
The National President of the American Marketing Association warns that were it not for the defence programme, the nation's economy would be in a mild slump.
Dr George H. Brown, who also is professor of Marketing at the University of Chicago, said in an interview that it is time to begin retooling for civilian goods and added that it takes as long from two to five years to tool for a defence economy as for a defence economy.
Dr Brown said the defence programme should level off within two years to a maintenance basis and "then we will be faced with a civilian economy which we are not prepared for."
His ideas were predicted on the belief that there would be no shooting war.—Associated Press.

Rubber Futures In Spore

Singapore, Feb. 2.
Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:
Number 1 rubber, per lb. 136-136 1/2
February 136-136 1/2
March 136-136 1/2
April 136-136 1/2
Number 2 rubber, per lb. 131-131 1/2
February 131-131 1/2
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